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The global burden of occupational and environmental respiratory diseases in a changing climate

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I'M GOING TO TALK ABOUT

- CLIMATE CHANGE AND WHY AND HOW IT IMPACTS HEALTH, RESPIRATORY HEALTH IN PARTICULAR
- CLIMATE CHANGE RELATED RESPIRATORY OCCUPATIONAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH BURDEN
- THE IPF CASE STUDY AS AN EMBLEMATIC MODEL
- RESPIRATORY HEALTH INEQUITIES
- TAKE HOME MESSAGES

Global Burden of Respiratory Diseases (All Causes)

Disease/Condition	Deaths/year	People Affected	Key Drivers
COPD	3.23 million	390+ million	Smoking, air pollution, occupational dust
Asthma	450,000	262 million	Allergens, air pollution, climate
Lung cancer	1.8 million	2.2 million new cases/year	Smoking, asbestos, diesel exhaust
LRI (e.g. pneumonia)	2.5 million	Millions (esp. children & elderly)	Infections, air pollution
Occupational exposure-related	~450,000	Millions (underestimated)	Silica, coal dust, bioaerosols

Global Burden of Disease (IHME, 2020) :

AMERICAN THORACIC SOCIETY DOCUMENTS

The Occupational Burden of Nonmalignant Respiratory Diseases An Official American Thoracic Society and European Respiratory Society Statement

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Rationale: Workplace inhalational hazards remain common worldwide, even though they are ameliorable. Previous American Thoracic Society documents have assessed the contribution of workplace exposures to asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease on a population level, but not to other chronic respiratory diseases. The goal of this document is to report an in-depth literature review and data synthesis of the occupational contribution to the burden of the major nonmalignant respiratory diseases, including airway diseases; interstitial fibrosis; hypersensitivity pneumonitis;

Results: Workplace exposures contribute substantially to the burden of multiple chronic respiratory diseases, including asthma (PAF, 16%); chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (PAF, 14%); chronic bronchitis (PAF, 13%); idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (PAF, 26%); hypersensitivity pneumonitis (occupational burden, 19%); other granulomatous diseases, including sarcoidosis (occupational burden, 30%); pulmonary alveolar proteinosis (occupational burden, 29%); tuberculosis (occupational burden, 2.3% in silica-exposed workers and 1% in healthcare workers); and community-acquired pneumonia in working-age adults (PAF, 10%).

Occupational burden of nonmalignant respiratory diseases

Disease	Burden
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • asthma • chronic obstructive pulmonary disease • chronic bronchitis • idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis • hypersensitivity pneumonitis • other granulomatous diseases, including sarcoidosis • pulmonary alveolar proteinosis • tuberculosis (and 1% in healthcare workers) • community-acquired pneumonia in working-age adults 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PAF: 16% • PAF: 14% • PAF: 13% • PAF: 26% • occupational burden: 19% • occupational burden: 30% • occupational burden: 29%) • occupational burden: 2.3% in silica-exposed workers • PAF, 10%

PAF: Population attributable fraction

Occupational burden: attribution in case series, incidence rate ratios (IRRs), or AF within a group

Pando

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Pando

« Pando » = « Je m'étale » = « I spread »



Fishlake National Forest (Utah)

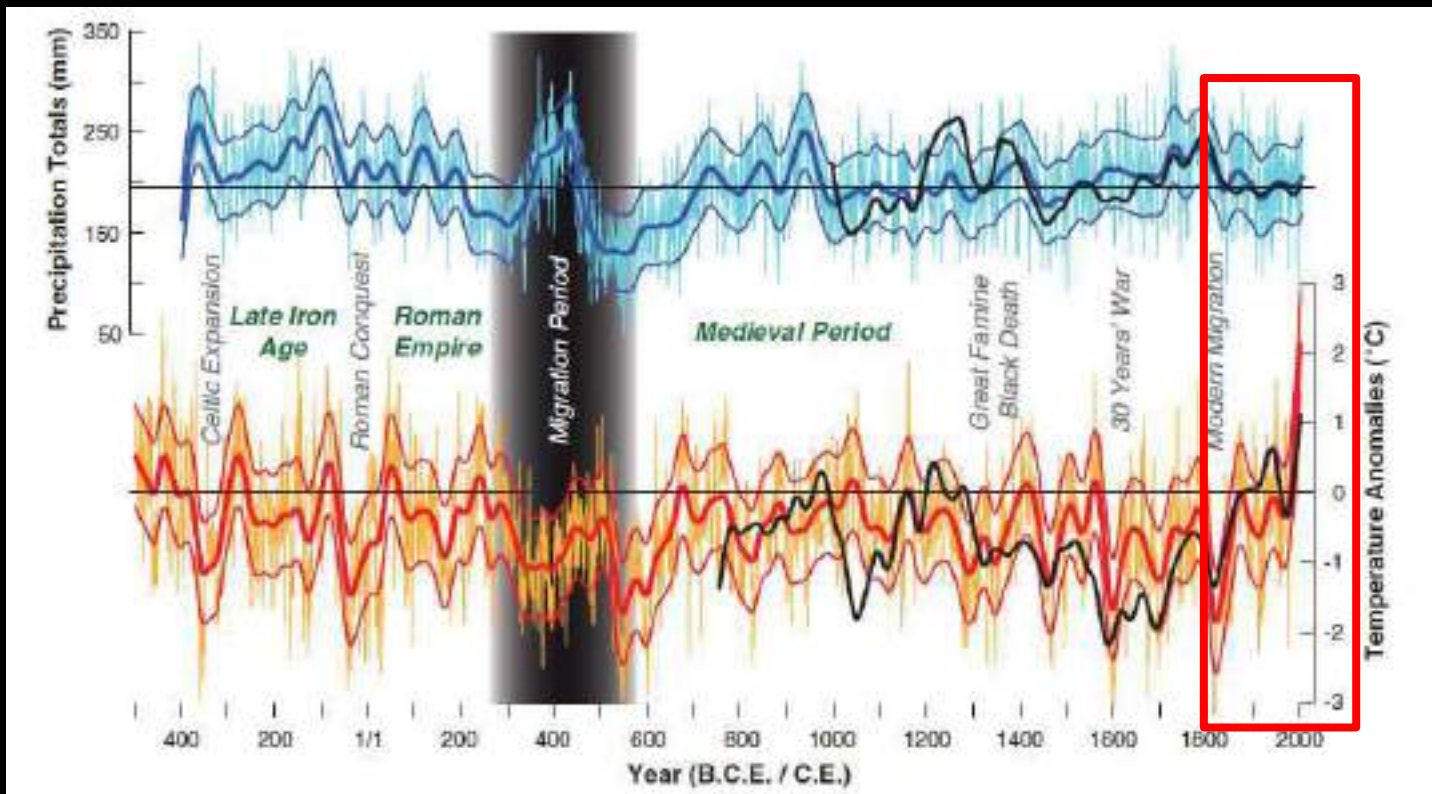


A clone consisting of approximately 47,000 aspen trees (*Populus tremuloides*) grown from a single seed that spreads by emitting new shoots from an expanding root system. The largest (106 acres), the heaviest, the oldest tree on the planet (>80000 years). One of the most massive living beings on earth.

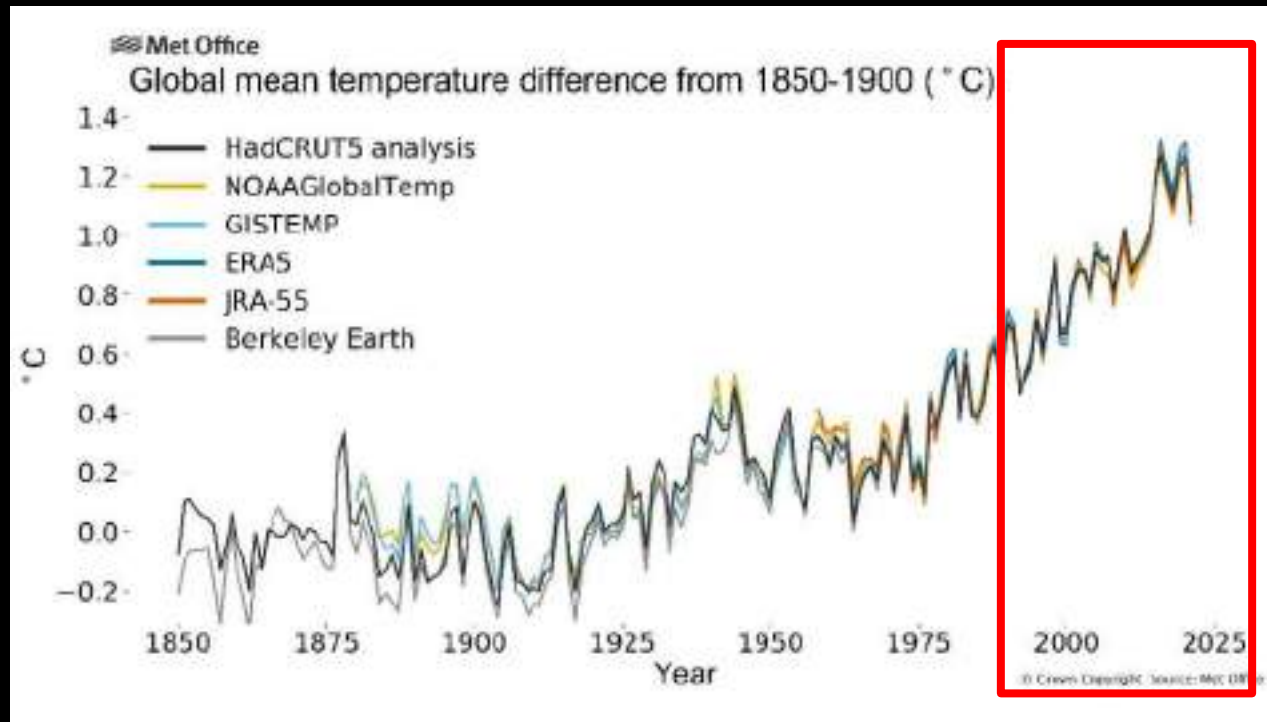


With 80000 years, I've lived quite a bit

Environmental changes and historical events experienced by Pando



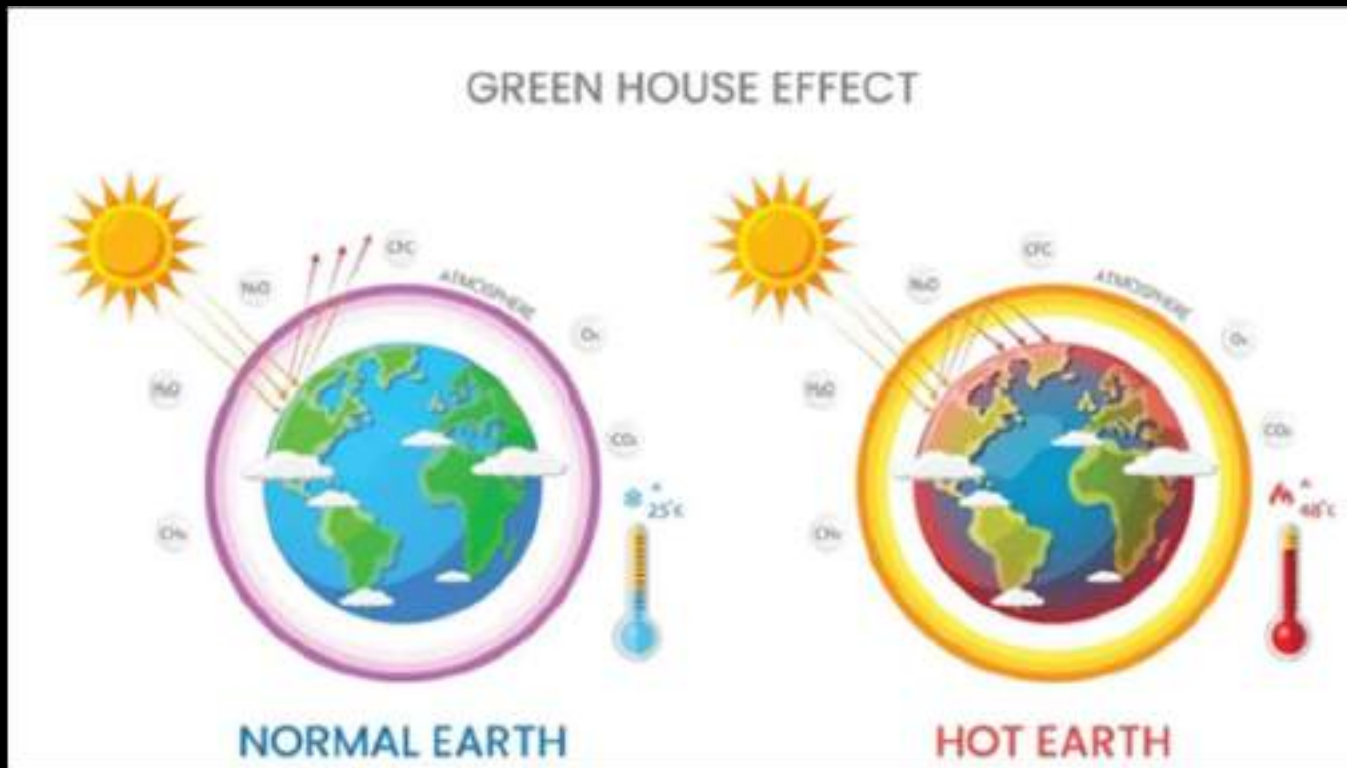
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Global
warming
especially in
the last 20
years



WHAT HAPPENED?



Greenhouse gases (GHGs):

Carbon dioxide (CO₂)
Methane (CH₄):
Nitrous oxide (N₂O)
Steam
F-gases

“Normal greenhouse effect”: GHGs trap some of the heat emitted by the Earth after absorbing solar energy essential to maintain a habitable temperature on Earth.

“Pathological greenhouse effect”: accumulation of GHGs due to human activities



WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT IS HAPPENING?

Those little animals we (the plants) call humans!

Natural and human activities both contribute to the accumulation of greenhouse gases (GHGs)

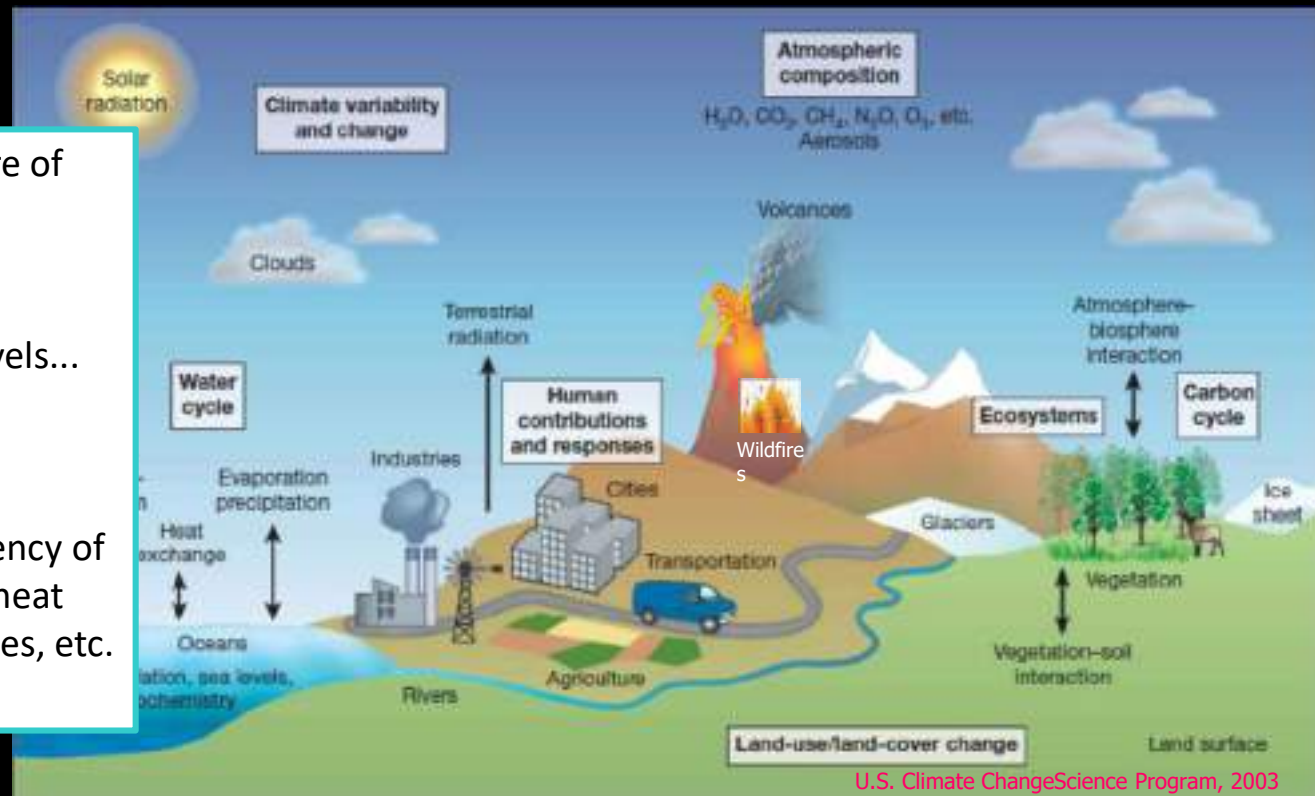
Increase in average temperature of the atmosphere and oceans



Melting snow, ice, rising sea levels...
Modification of the water cycle



Increase in intensity and frequency of extreme climatic phenomena: heat waves, droughts, floods, cyclones, etc.



Even natural phenomena depend on human activities

Acute effects



Incendie à Rome, Juin 2022



Los Angeles, USA, January 2025



Secheresse fleuve Pô, juin 2022

Chronic effects



Il y a 50 ans



Maintenant

Erosion de falaise à Soulac 2023 (200 mt → 20 mt)





WHAT IS THE TREND AND THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE GLOBAL WARMING?

Energy consumption has increased

- 17 energy slaves (EGs)* per capita in 1940 (2 billion inhabitants):
- 38 EGs per capita in 1950
- Several hundred EGs to satisfy the consumption of each European (Jancovici and Grandjean) now
- Fossil fuels provide 80% of energy demand

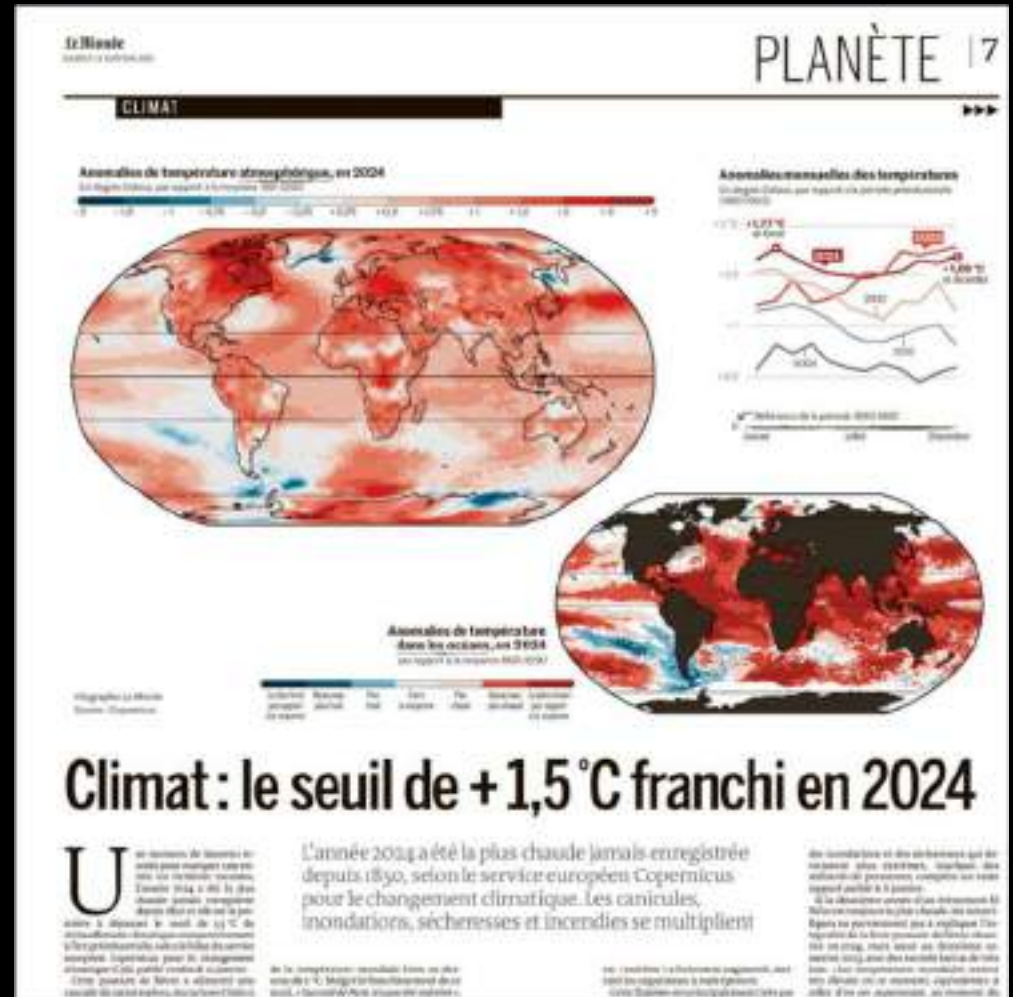


*Tasks once performed by humans or animals are now performed by motors, machines, and automated systems running on energy called energy slaves (R. Buckminster Fuller)

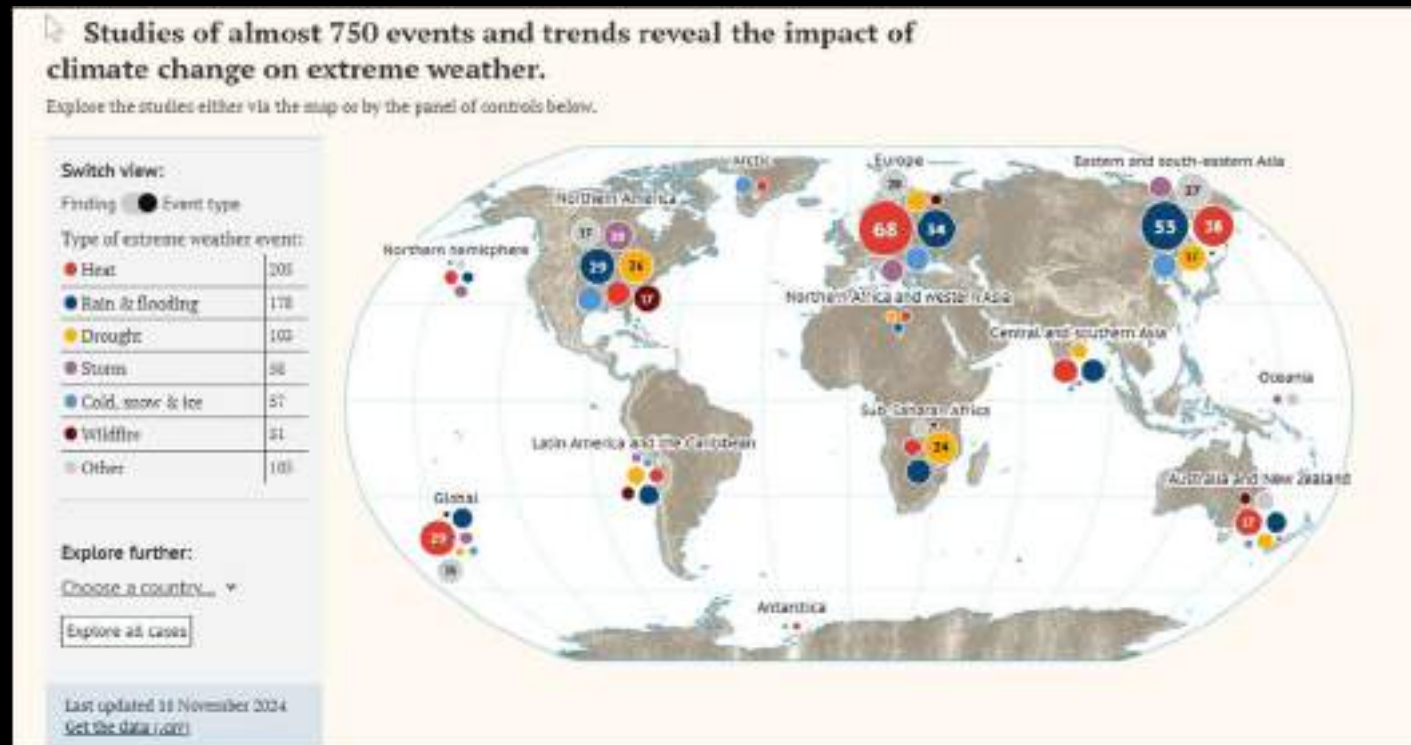
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1.62°C exceedance
(compared to pre-
industrial levels)

N.B.
1.5 °C exceedance
=> irreversible impacts
on ecosystems, human
societies and climate.



Extreme weather events on the rise

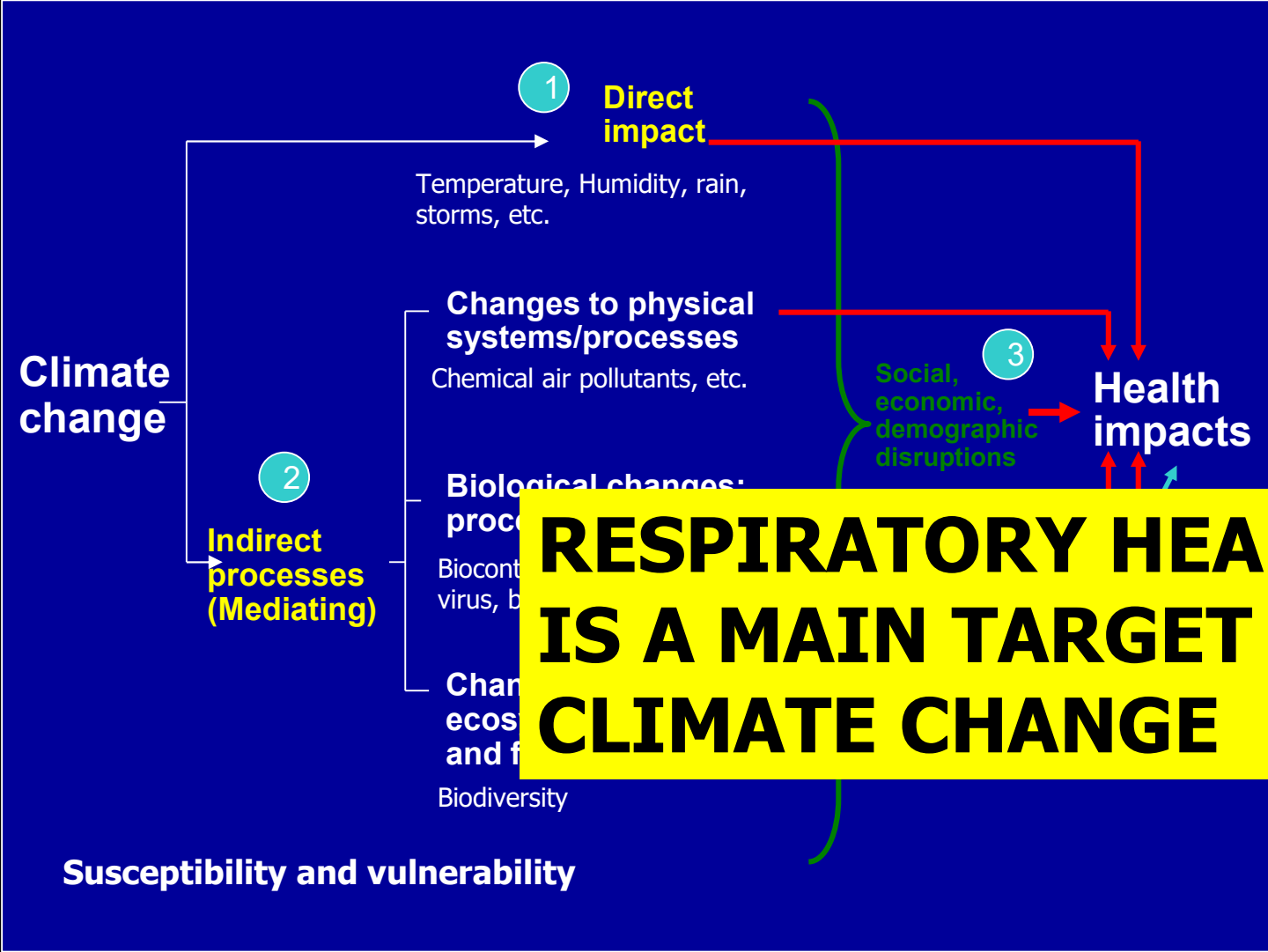


Carbon Brief's map



**WHY, THIS IS IMPORTANT FOR
HEALTH?**

Climate Change-related health pathways



Over 100 million people will die from climate change by 2030 if we do not collectively take action now. Afterwards, the death toll will be even more severe.

Climate change a major driver of both occupational and environmental respiratory diseases

- Reshaping patterns of exposure and disease burden worldwide.
 1. Weather patterns impact negatively upon human respiratory health.
 2. Worsening air quality and increased allergens and biotoxins can worsen existing disease or contribute to new disease development.
 3. Climate-related changes in vectors for infection can cause new respiratory diseases
 4. Increasing occupational pollutants, exposures and conditions contribute to occupational diseases.



THE IMPACT OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON RESPIRATORY DISEASES

Some examples of respiratory diseases impacted by climate change

- Worsening Asthma and COPD:
 - Higher concentrations of O_3 and $PM_{2.5}$ trigger asthma attacks, worsen Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) symptoms, and increase hospitalizations.
- Increased Asthma and Rhinitis attacks:
 - Increased pollen and mold exposure trigger asthma and rhinitis
 - Thunderstorm asthma
- Increased Respiratory Infections:
 - $PM_{2.5}$ exposure is linked to increased susceptibility to respiratory infections (e.g., pneumonia, bronchitis).

Some figures of respiratory diseases impacted by climate change

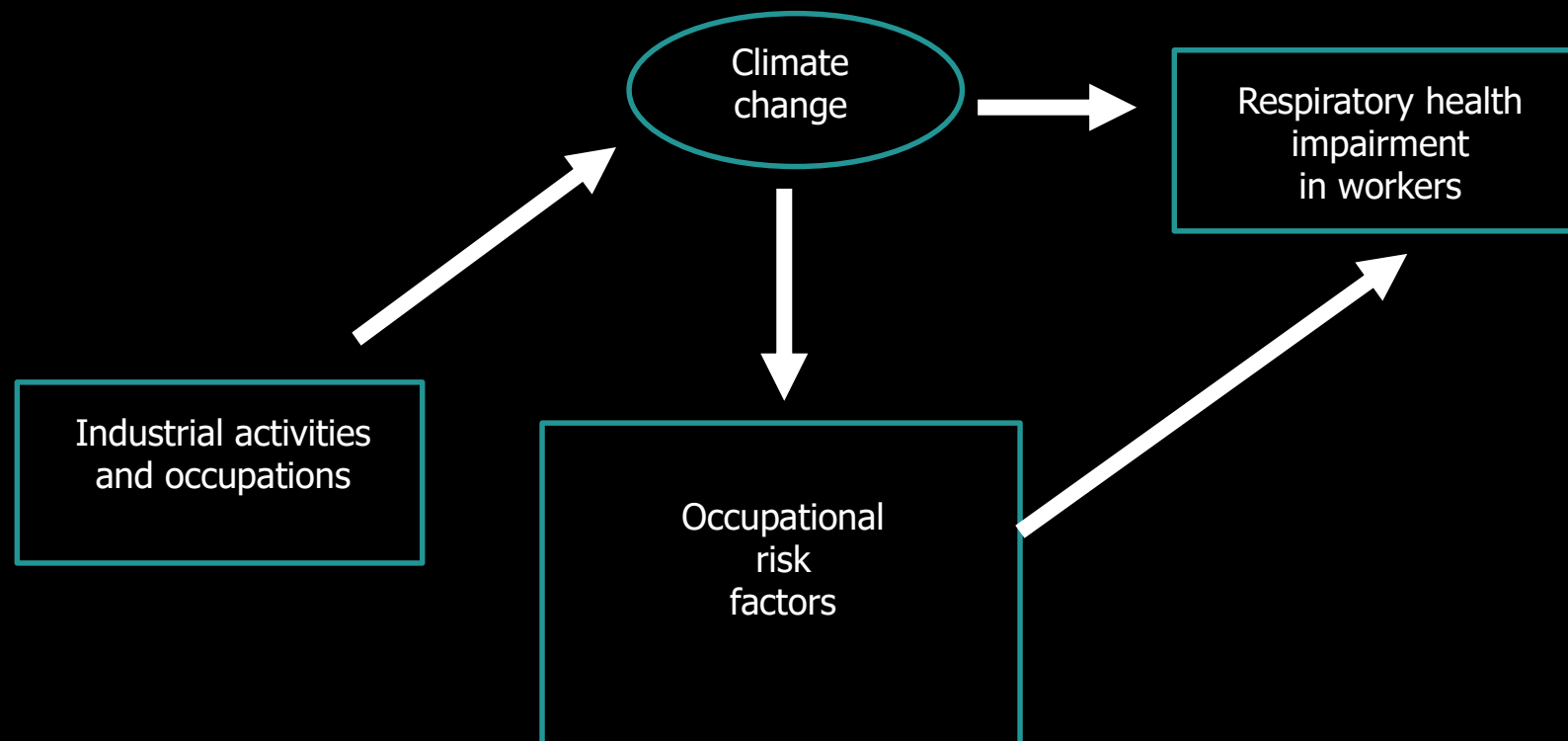
Source / Estimate	Climate-Linked Respiratory Deaths
WHO (2021)	Up to 1.5 million respiratory deaths/year from air pollution
IPCC (2023)	Projected tens of thousands of excess respiratory deaths/year by 2050 under high-emission scenarios
Lancet Countdown (2023)	Climate-sensitive air pollution and heat are among the top drivers of premature mortality from respiratory disease worldwide

Trends

- The **Global Burden of Disease (IHME, 2020)** estimates that:
 - Climate change and pollution are **increasing** the burden, especially in LMICs (low- and middle-income countries)
- **Environmental exposures** (air pollution, allergens, occupational dusts/fumes) are key contributors to rising burden.

**THE IMPACT OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON
WORK-RELATED RESPIRATORY
DISEASES**

Interrelationship between climate change, risk factors and occupational respiratory health

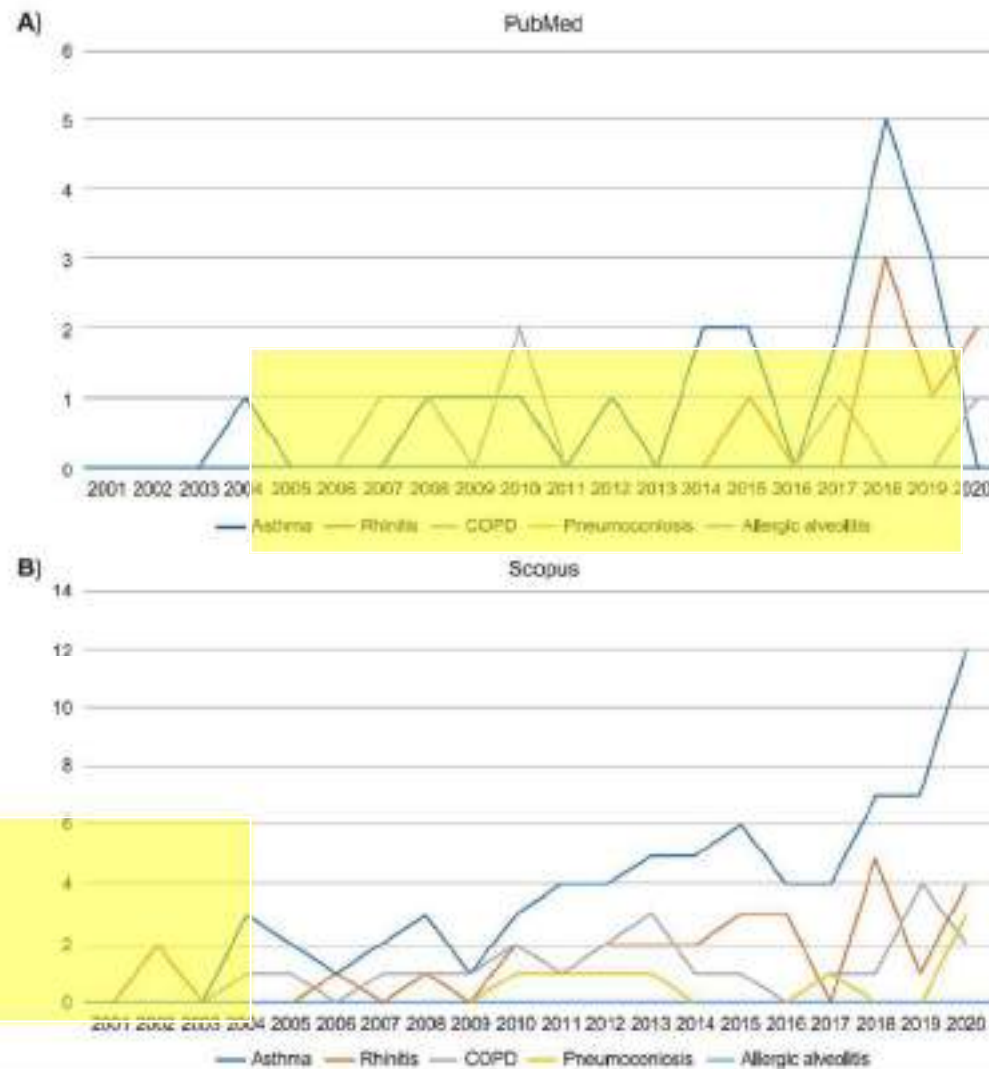


Non-malignant or climate change

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BACKGROUND: Respiratory allergic, neoplastic or degenerative diseases, in the context of the interaction of environmental factors, individual susceptibility and comorbidities. Asthma and other can be worsened by climate change and other agents in occupational environments.
METHODS: PubMed and Scopus on public and occupational health publications and documents on respiratory diseases, asthma, rhinitis, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), pneumoconiosis in association with climate change.

RESULTS: Most of the retrieved publications were on asthma (75 in Scopus), while rhinitis was frequently covered in the scientific literature.



Impact of Climate on Workers



• **Climate-Related Occupational Hazards**: Extreme heat, Air pollution, Severe weather events, Natural disasters, Biological hazards (e.g., vector-borne diseases)

• **Amplified Health and Safety Risks**: Increasing exposure intensity and duration, Introducing new, unanticipated hazards, Reducing the predictability of working conditions

• **Compounded Vulnerabilities**:

Migrant workers and those with poor housing or limited socioeconomic support experience:

- Double exposure to climate hazards—both at work and at home
- Higher susceptibility to health effects due to limited access to healthcare and protective infrastructure

High-Risk Worker Groups

Worker Group	Climate-Linked Risks
Firefighters	Wildfire smoke, toxic inhalation
Farmers	Dust storms, pesticides, bioaerosols, heat
Construction workers	Ozone, heat, silica dust
Transport workers	Urban air pollution, diesel exhaust
Healthcare & cleanup crews	Mold, disinfection chemicals post-flood
Migrant laborers	Combined home/workplace exposures, poor ventilation

Some figures of the CC occupational burden

Wildfire Smoke Exposure

- **Outdoor workers** (firefighters, farmers, construction): Up to **12–20x higher exposure** to PM_{2.5} during wildfire events compared to the general population.
- In California (2020), wildfire smoke exposure led to:
 - **25% increase in respiratory emergency visits**
 - Estimated **up to 1,200 excess deaths**, a portion linked to occupational exposure.

Air Pollution & Ozone

- **Occupational exposure to ozone** (e.g., outdoor workers in urban areas):
 - Linked to **lung function decline** and **higher asthma and COPD incidence**.
- **WHO (2021)**: Of the **4.2 million deaths annually from air pollution**, a **significant portion occurs in working-age adults**, especially in the informal labor sector.

Some figures of the CC occupational burden



Silica Dust, Drought & Mining

- **Construction and mining workers** face increasing risks from **desertification and drought**, which raise **silica dust levels**:
 - Example: Resurgence of **silicosis** in stone-cutting workers in India and Australia.
 - WHO estimates **up to 40 million workers** globally are at risk of **silica-related respiratory disease**.

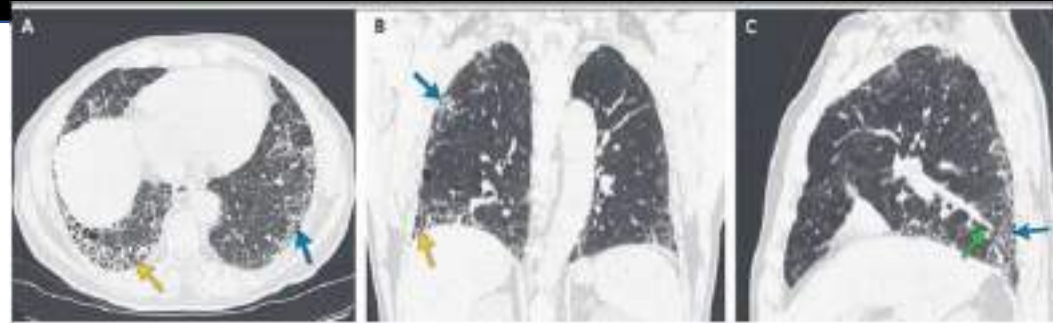


Mold and Biological Hazards

- After climate-linked **flooding or hurricanes**, indoor workers (cleaners, teachers, office staff) face increased exposure to **molds and endotoxins**:
 - Linked to **occupational asthma, hypersensitivity pneumonitis, and bronchiolitis obliterans**.

**Idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF)
stands out as a disease with both
occupational and environmental
determinants potentially impacted by
climate change**

A CASE STUDY OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL AND OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE IN A CHANGING CLIMATE: Idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis

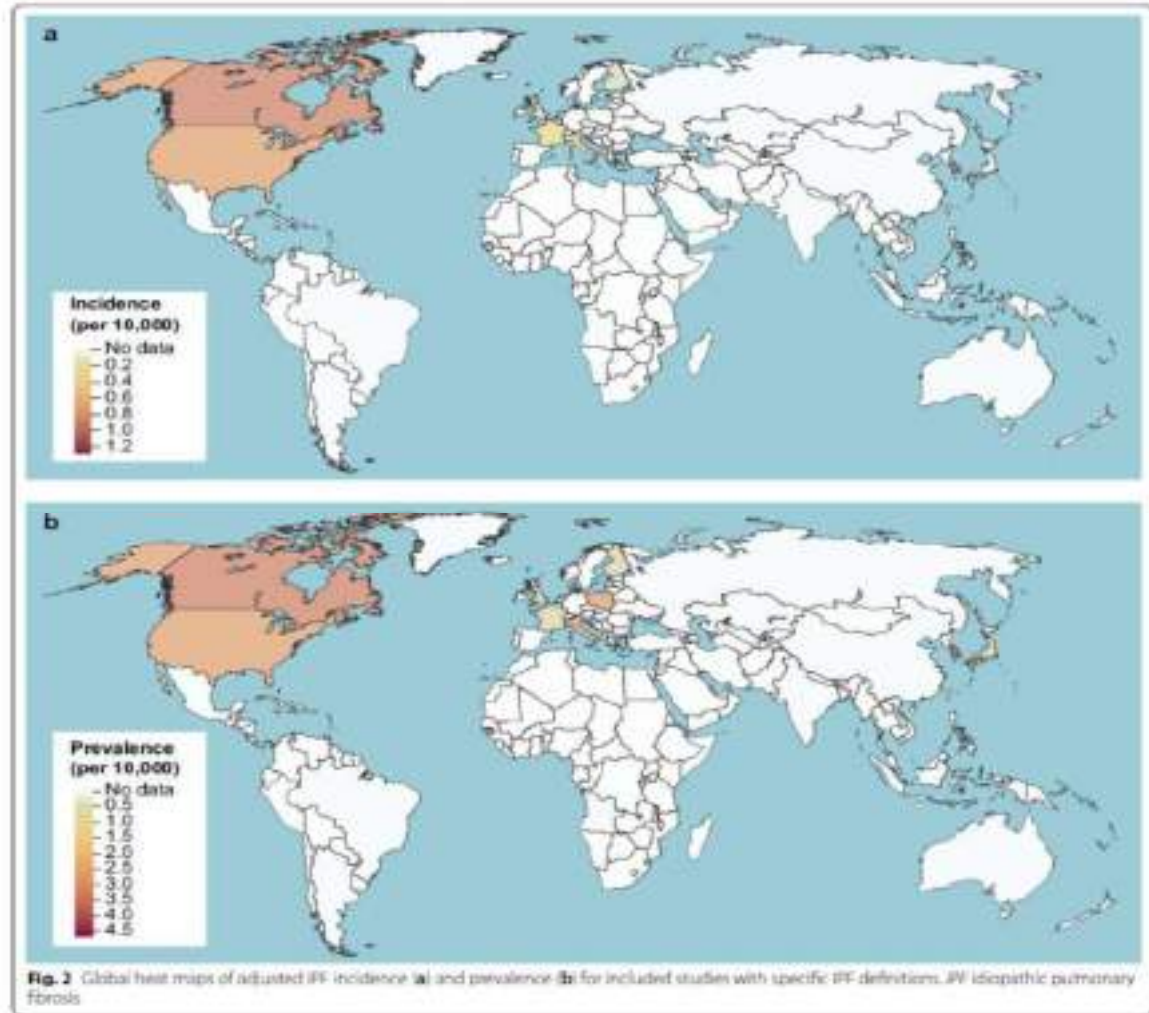


- Rare progressive chronic interstitial lung disease of complex unknown origin
- Quality of life and prognosis remain very poor with average survival <5 years from diagnosis
- Increasing rates of hospital admissions and deaths due to IPF also suggest an increasing burden of disease.
- Identification and elimination of all modifiable causal determinants is ethically imperative to prevent the associated public health burden and individual sufferings

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GLOBAL BURDEN IPF

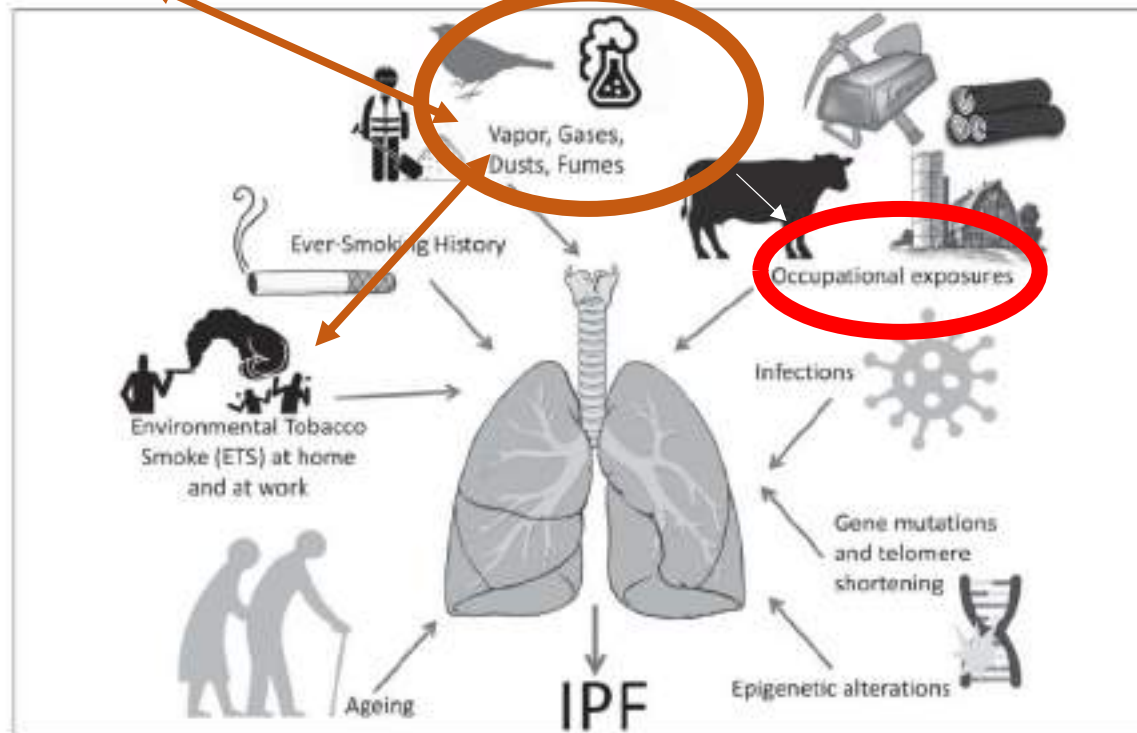
**TRULY RARE?
NO WORLD DATA!**



NOT SO IDIOPATHIC?

IPF ETIOLOGY: a COMPLEX BLACK BOX

Air pollution



IPF
Exposome

Figure 2 - Risk factors involved in IPF

IPF AND OCCUPATION

IPF: a diagnosis of exclusion?

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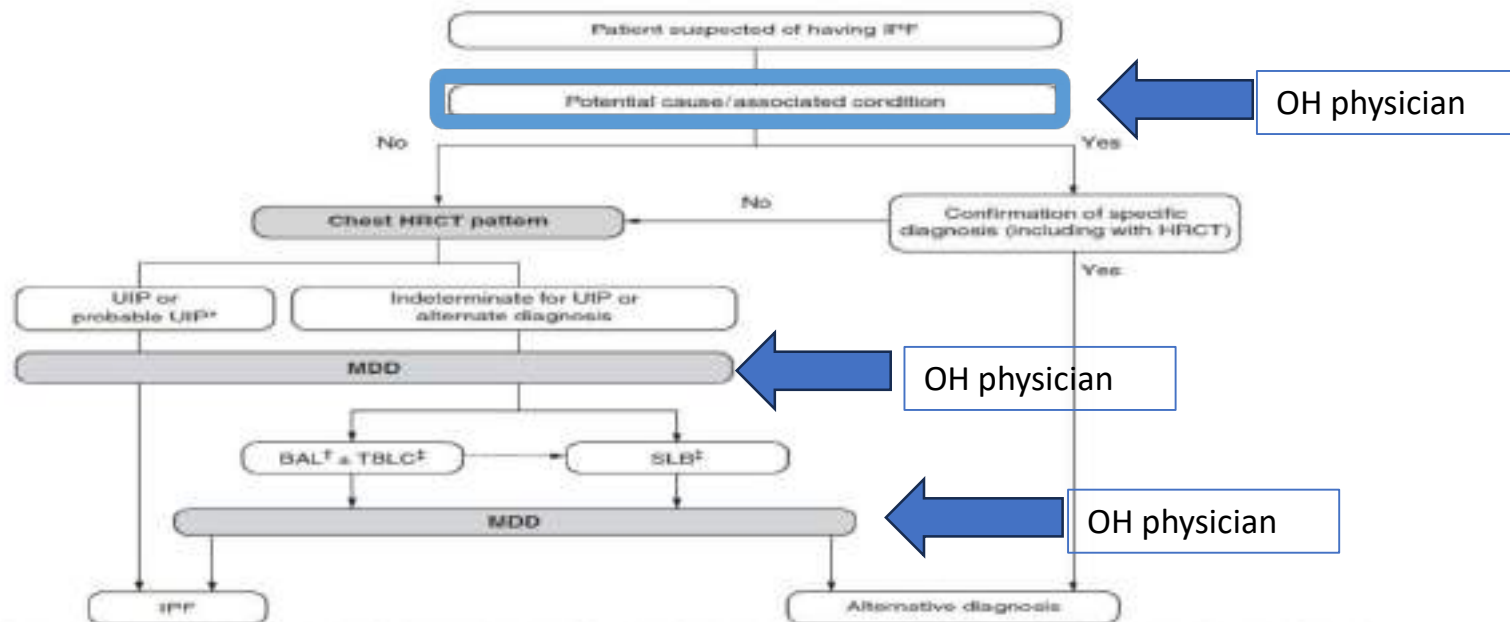


Figure 10. Diagnostic algorithm for idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF), developed using consensus by discussion. *Patients with a radiological pattern of probable usual interstitial pneumonia (UIP) can receive a diagnosis of IPF after multidisciplinary discussion (MDD) without confirmation by lung biopsy in the appropriate clinical setting (e.g., 60 yr old, male, smoker). BAL may be appropriate in some patients with a probable UIP pattern. [†]BAL may be performed before MDD in some patients evaluated in experienced centers. [‡]Transbronchial lung cryobiopsy (TBLC) may be preferred to surgical lung biopsy (SLB) in centers with appropriate expertise and/or in some patient populations, as described in the text. A subsequent SLB may be justified in some patients with nondiagnostic findings on TBLC. Adapted from Reference 2. HRCT = high-resolution computed tomography.



Work-related interstitial lung disease: what is the true burden?

Authors: De Matteis, S.¹; Murgia, N.²;

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Abstract

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Suggestions

Interstitial lung diseases (ILDs) include a large variety of fibrotic lung conditions caused by genetic and environmental factors. Occupational exposures might also play a significant role, but the real health burden is currently unknown. Here, we performed a focused review of the literature on work-related HP and IPF over the past 5 years. Using a meta-analysis, we quantified the occupational burden of IPF and HP, and estimated that occupational exposures to metal, silica and diesel engine exhaust increased IPF risk with a pooled odds ratio of 1.7 (95% CI 1.42–2.03). The proportion of HP cases related to occupational exposures was 17% (95% CI 7–28). Our review supports the hypothesis that occupational exposures are a significant risk factor in the aetiopathogenesis of IPF and HP. We recommend that further research be performed to identify the underlying mechanisms and the maximum permitted exposure to reduce the associated IPF and HP burden.

OCCUPATIONAL RISK FACTORS

TABLE 1 Overt or occult environmental risk factors for idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis

	Risk factor	
Intrinsic factors	Gastro-oesophageal reflux	
	Microaspiration	
	Microbiome	
	Viral infections	
Extrinsic factors		
	Domestic/environmental	Tobacco smoke
		Wood fires
		Birds (including poultry, bird droppings, birdfeeders)
		Feather products (including feather duvets, comforter, pillows, jackets)
		Moulds (visible or unseen)
		Organic dusts
		Ventilation
		Hairspray
		Aspiration
	Occupational*	Welding
		Farming/agriculture
		Hairdressing
		Dentist/dental technicians
		Metal dust
	Wood dust/paper mill factory workers	
	Livestock, particularly birds	
	Nuclear waste/radiation hazards	
	Chemicals	
	Aluminium, Corion®	
	Stone cutting/sand/granite/silica	
	Talc	

*: these and other occupational exposures may be the cause of "occupational lung diseases" and thus not truly risk factors for patients diagnosed with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF). Nevertheless, these may be occult if the patient otherwise diagnosed with IPF is not gainfully engaged with such environmental factors/exposures.

Occupational exposures more frequently associated to IPF in epidemiological studies:

- VGDF (vapour, gas, dust, fibres)
- Crystalline Silica
- Abestos
- Organic dusts
- Metals
- Wood dusts
- Agriculture
- ETS (Environmental tobacco smoking)

Reported up to 60% prevalence of occupational exposure among IPF cases in tertiary hospital centres

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OCCUPATIONAL IPF RISK ESTIMATES

VGDF

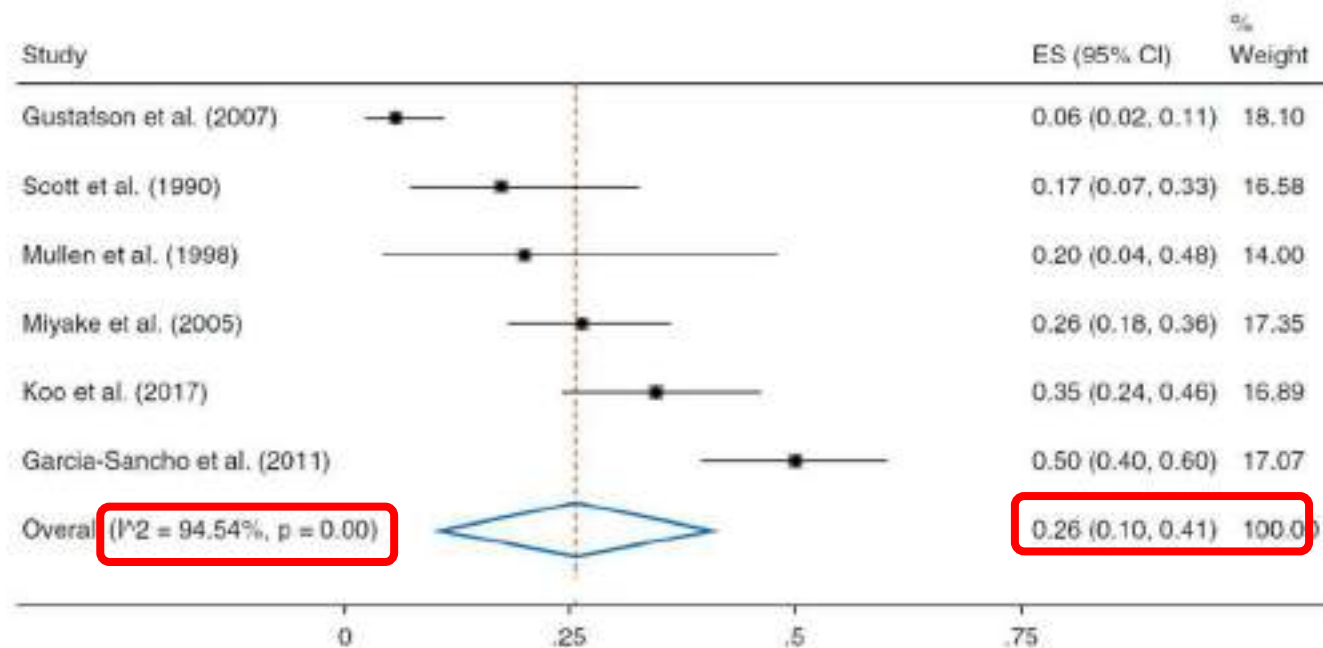


Figure 4. Idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF): population attributable fraction (PAF) from vapors, gas, dust, or fumes (VGDF). Forest plot of studies relevant to estimating the occupational contribution to IPF of VGDF (combined categories of exposure considered in the studies included). The estimated PAF, confidence interval (CI), and weighted contribution for each study are shown, as well as the calculated pooled estimate (red dashed line) and 95% CI. For IPF, the pooled PAF for VGDF is 26% (95% CI, 10–41%). ES = effect size.

OCCUPATIONAL IPF risk estimates

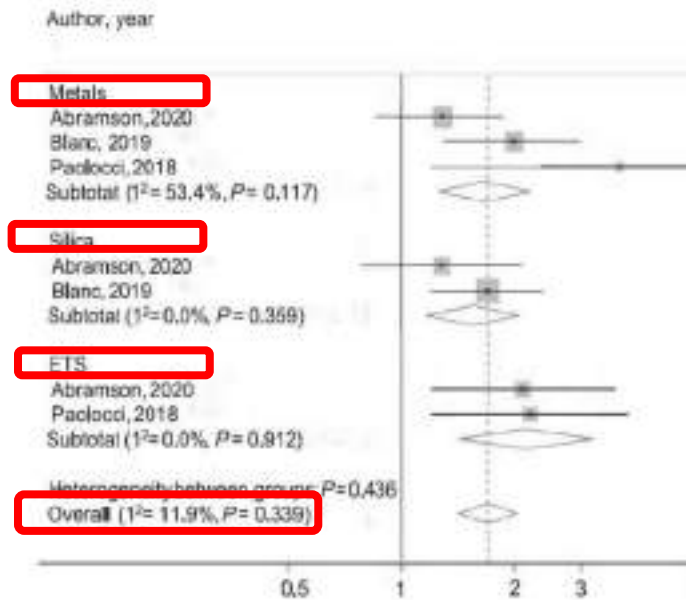


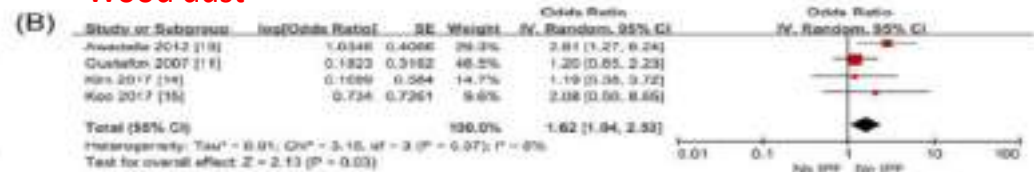
Figure 1 Pooled risk estimates (ORs and 95% CIs) of work-related IPF by exposure to Metals, Silica, and ETS. OR = odds ratio; ETS = environmental tobacco smoking; CI = confidence interval.

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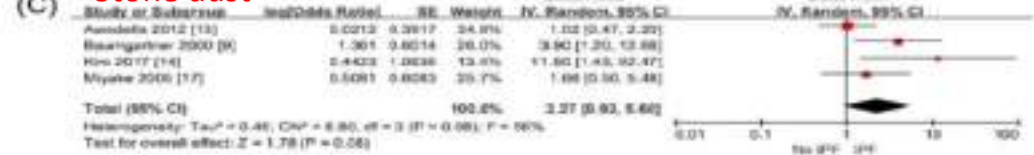
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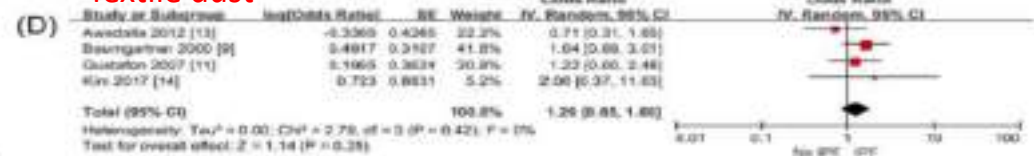
Wood dust



Stone dust



Textile dust



Pesticides

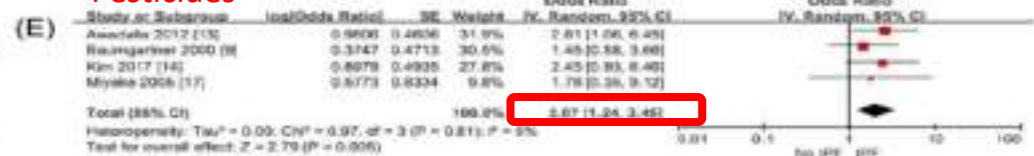


Figure 2 Risk of IPF in exposure to occupational and environmental risk factors compared with non-IPF subjects: (A) metal dust, (B) wood dust, (C) stone and sand dust, (D) textile dust, and (E) pesticides.

OCCUPATIONAL IPF ESTIMATES

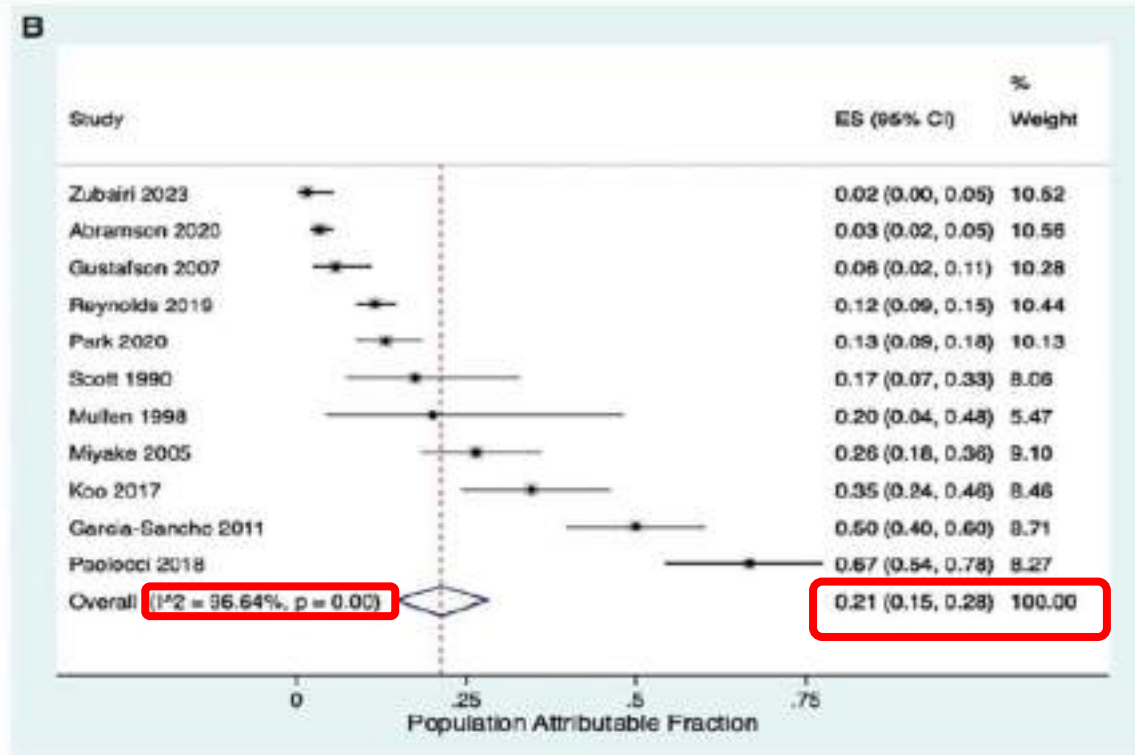


Figure 3. Idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF) odds ratio (OR) and population attributable fraction (PAF) for vapors, gas, dust, or fumes from case-control studies. Forest plot of articles relevant to estimating the occupational contribution to IPF of vapors, gas, dust, or fumes (combined categories of exposure considered in the studies included). The estimated OR (A) and PAF (B), confidence interval (CI), and weighted contribution for each study are shown, as are the calculated pooled estimate (red dashed line) and 95% CI. (A) The pooled OR is 1.9 (95% CI, 1.4–2.6). (B) The pooled PAF is 24% (95% CI, 16–32%). ES = effect size.

OCCUPATIONAL IPF risk estimates

- In a population-based case-control study of 503 cases 902 controls in Australia
- Increased IPF risk for occupational exposures to:

Table 3 Associations with occupational asbestos exposure assessed by AsbJEM: ORs, 95% CIs and p values

Asbestos exposure	Fibre-years/mL	Unadjusted ORs		Adjusted ORs		OR
		OR*	95% CI	OR*	95% CI	
Reference group: Q1	≤0.00295	1	1	1	1	1
Q2	0.00296, ≤0.00425	1.20	1.21	(0.88 to 1.66)	0.233	1.2
Q3	0.00426, ≤0.06255	1.39	1.41	(1.03 to 1.93)	0.032	1.4
Q4	0.06256 to 8.256	1.55	1.57	(1.15 to 2.15)	<0.001	1.6

*Adjusted for age, sex, state and tobacco smoking (never/past/current).
 †Additionally adjusted for age, sex, state, tobacco smoking (never/past/current) and pack-years.
 AsbJEM, asbestos Job Exposure Matrix.

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Table 4 Occupational asbestos exposure, smoking, genotype and IPF; interaction terms and stratified analysis (genotyped participants only, n=902)

Exposure*	Adjusted OR† (95% CI; p value)
Interaction model (asbestos*smoking)	
Ever asbestos exposed	0.6 (0.4 to 1.1; 0.08)
Ever smoked	0.9 (0.6 to 1.5; 0.68)
Ever asbestos exposed and ever smoked interaction	2.2 (1.2 to 4; 0.01)
Interaction model (asbestos*genotype)	
Ever asbestos exposed	1.0 (0.7 to 1.5; 0.84)
Genotype	3.7 (2.4 to 5.8; 0.001)
Ever asbestos exposed and genotype	1.3 (0.8 to 2.3; 0.3)
Interaction model (smoking*genotype)	
Ever smoked	1.29 (0.86 to 1.92; 0.22)
Genotype	3.95 (2.33 to 6.69; 0.001)
Ever smoked and genotype	1.15 (0.62 to 2.13; 0.65)
Stratified interaction model (asbestos*smoking)	
GT or TT	
Ever asbestos exposed	0.4 (0.2 to 1; 0.06)
Ever smoked	0.6 (0.3 to 1.3; 0.2)
Ever asbestos exposed and ever smoked interaction	5.4 (1.8 to 15.6; 0.002)

*Ever asbestos exposed was defined as ever having had a high or medium asbestos exposure risk job, defined on the basis of occupational proportional mortality ratios for mesothelioma.¹⁶ Genotype of *MUC5B* rs35705950, T is the minor allele.
 †Adjusted for age±smoking, smoking was not adjusted for when it was considered as an exposure. Centre was not adjusted for in this analysis because numbers were too small for one centre. Analysis limited to the 20 centres which did have sufficient numbers showed that adjusting for centre did not significantly change our results.
 IPF, idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis.

WORSE PROGNOSIS FOR OCCUPATIONAL IPF?

In a large IPF cohort in the nationwide IPF Registry of Korea occupational exposure to wood and stone dusts were associated with higher IPF mortality

Table 4. COX regression analyses of risk factors for mortality

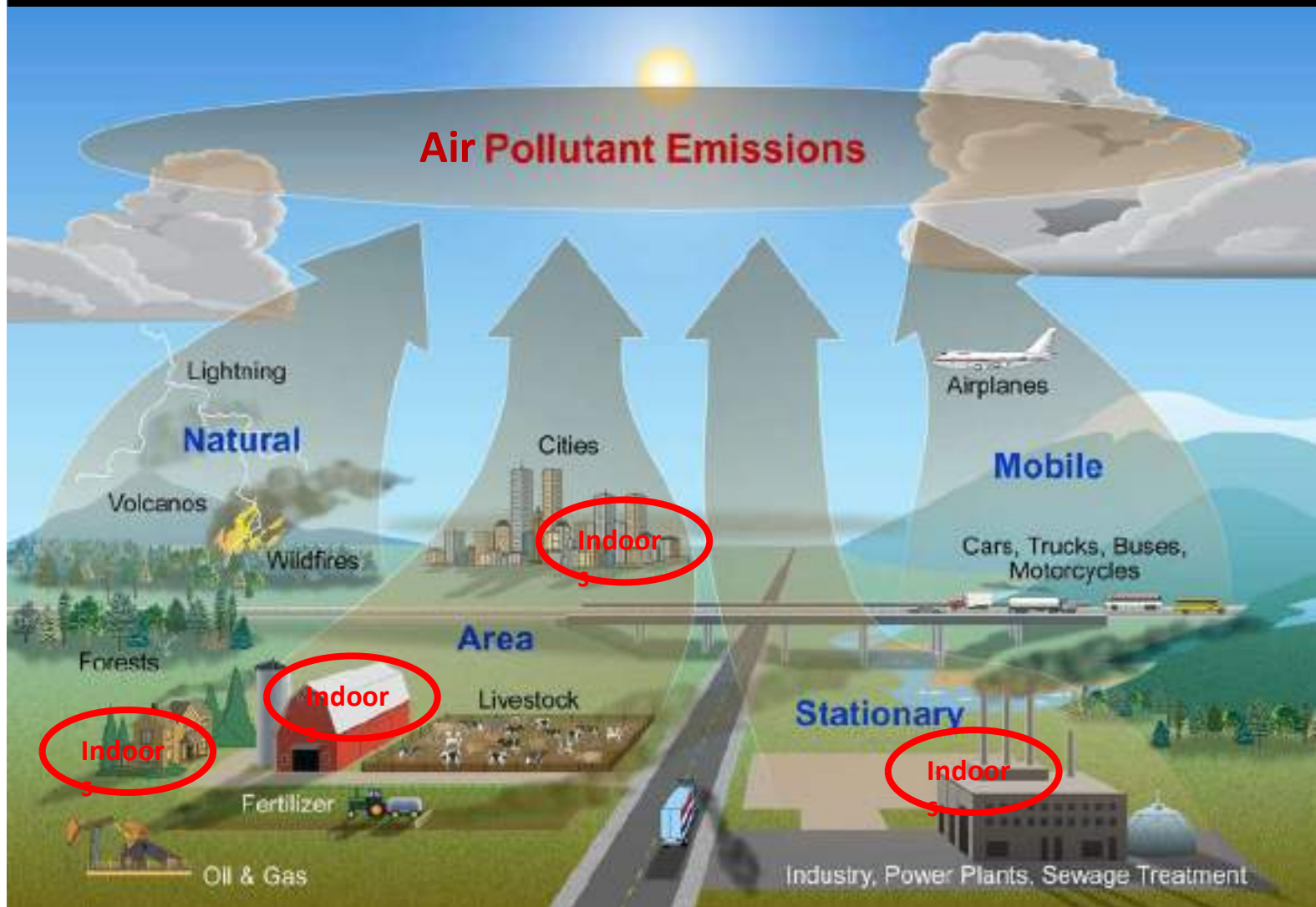
	Univariate analysis			Multivariate analysis		
	HR	CI	p-value	HR	CI	p-value
Age	1.038	1.014–1.063	0.002	1.046	1.007–1.086	0.021
Sex	1.210	0.766–1.911	0.414	–	–	–
Smoking			0.489			
Nonsmoker	1					
Ex-smoker	0.517	0.210–1.271	–	–	–	–
Never smoker	0.634	0.313–1.288	–	–	–	–
Six-minute walking test						
Walking distance	0.997	0.990–0.998	<0.001	0.999	0.996–1.002	0.030
Minimum saturation	0.943	0.919–0.972	<0.001	0.949	0.949–0.988	0.001
Pulmonary function test						
FVC	0.989	0.957–0.981	<0.001	0.999	0.977–1.022	0.006
DLco	0.965	0.954–0.975	<0.001	0.996	0.979–1.014	0.005
Total CT pattern			0.168			
Inconsistent with UIP	1					
Probable UIP	2.393	0.746–7.675	0.142	–	–	–
UIP	2.061	0.694–6.161	0.077	–	–	–
Honeycombing	1.459	0.961–2.217	0.076	–	–	–
Total CT pattern	1.581	1.029–2.422	0.003	1.609	0.999–2.629	0.000
Asthma	2.037	1.329–3.126	0.001	0.497	0.262–0.944	0.033
Acute exacerbation	5.392	3.669–7.859	<0.001	3.703	2.165–6.332	<0.001
Clinical trial participation	0.723	0.293–1.789	0.483	–	–	–
Exposure						
Chemicals	1.205	0.715–2.310	0.402	–	–	–
Wood dust	2.099	1.089–4.048	0.027	2.449	1.094–5.484	0.029
Metal dust	3.772	0.929–15.316	0.063	–	–	–
Fabric dust	0.045	0.287–2.675	0.779	–	–	–
Stone dust	2.037	1.242–3.339	0.005	2.269	1.229–4.204	0.009
Family history of ILD	0.587	0.186–1.853	0.364	–	–	–

HR: hazard ratio; CI: confidence interval; FVC: forced vital capacity; DLco: diffusing capacity for carbon monoxide; CT: computed tomography; UIP: usual interstitial pneumonia; GAP: gender-age-physiology; ILD: interstitial lung disease.

Jegal Y, Park JS, Kim SY, Yoo H, Jeong SH, Song JW, Lee JH, Lee HL, Choi SM, Kim YW, Kim YH, Choi HS, Lee J, Uh ST, Kim TH, Kim SH, Lee WY, Kim YH, Lee HK, Lee EJ, Heo EY, Yang SH, Kang HK, Chung MP; Korea ILD Study Group. Clinical Features, Diagnosis, Management, and Outcomes of Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis in Korea: Analysis of the Korea IPF Cohort (KICO) Registry. Tuberc Respir Dis (Seoul). 2022 Apr;85(2):185-194. doi: 10.4046/trd.2021.0123. Epub 2021 Dec 13. PMID: 34902237; PMCID: PMC8987666.

Main limit: retrospective

IPF AND AIR POLLUTION



Main air pollutants:

- Gases: NO₂, SO₂, CO, O₃, VOCs, etc.
- PM (Particulate Matter) (size and composition)

PM the big killer

Penetration of particles into the body

(The smaller the particles, the more dangerous they are)



Particulate matter, smaller than a human hair



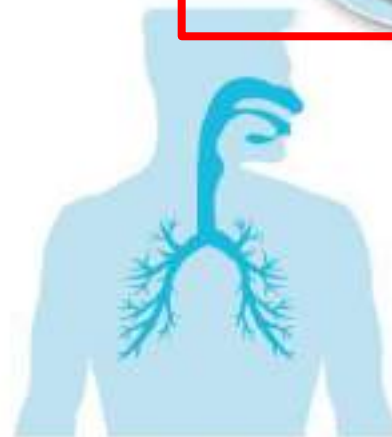
COARSE PARTICLES

Upper respiratory tract

Size = < 10 µm

PM10 = 0.01mm

- pollen
- desert dust



FINE PARTICLES

Lower respiratory tract

Size = < 2.5 µm

PM2.5 = 0.0025mm

- bacteria
- fungal and mold spores
- toner dust



INHALEABLE PARTICLES

Aveoli

Size = < 1 µm

PM1 = 0.001 mm

- viruses
- exhaust gases



ULTRAFINE PARTICLES

Bloodstream/whole body

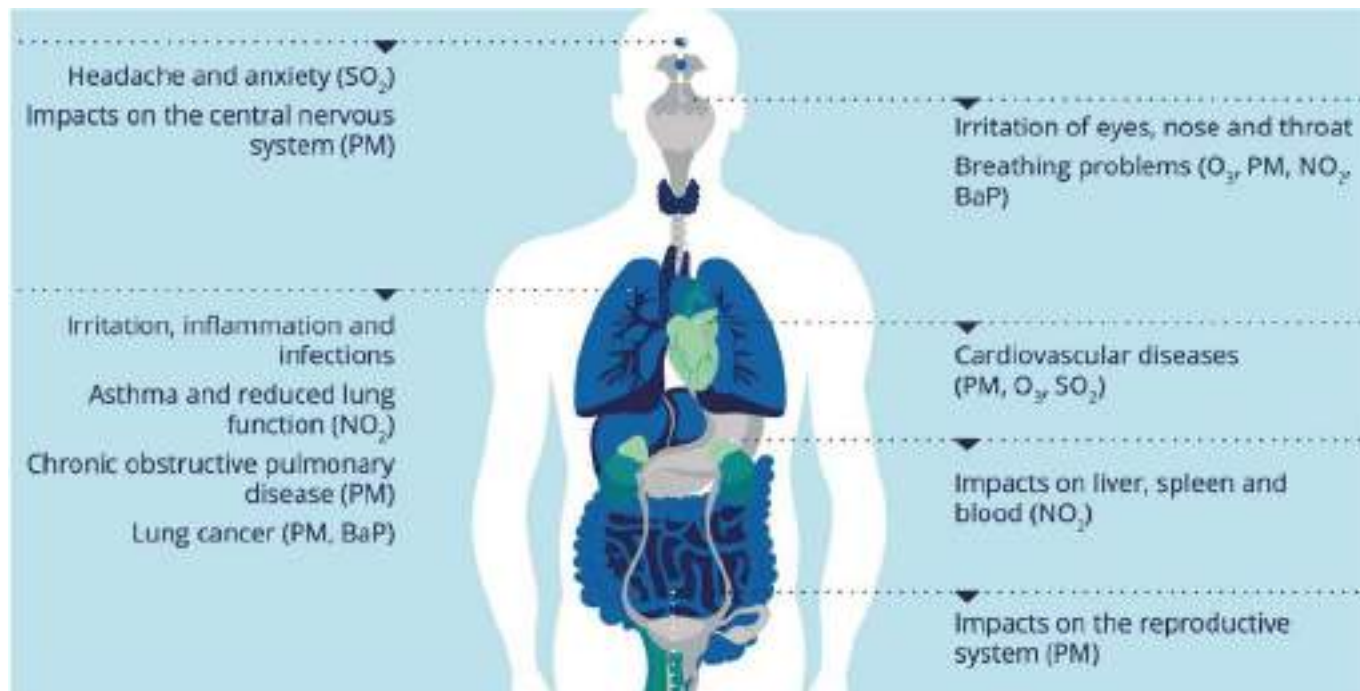
Size = < 0.1 µm

PM0.1 = 0.0001mm

- Nano particles

Both PM size and composition are of concerns

The various impacts of air pollution



- **Health**
- **Environment:** biodiversity, crops
- **Climate change**
- **Built environment**
- **Economic costs**

Further information: [WHO webpage](#)

CLIMATE CHANGE-RELATED AIR POLLUTION TRENDS

• Virtually certain

- Increased extended **pollen** seasons and pollen production and allergenicity and due to
 - Increasing temperatures
 - Plants moves
- Increased outdoor **ozone** level due to
 - Increasing temperatures
 - Windiness and stagnant air conditions
 - Urbanization
 - Natural sources of air pollutant emissions (→biogenic VOCs)
- Increased outdoor **PM** level due to
 - Increasing emissions from
 - fossil fuel-fired power plants due to demand for electricity for cooling (due to temperature increase)
 - Urbanization and traffic
 - Increasing natural sources of air pollutant emissions
 - Wildfire smoke induced by drought and heat
 - Desertification → Sand storm



Desertification



Sand storm



Wildfire



Urbanization and traffic



Industry in developing countries

• To be further confirmed

- Increase of indoor air pollutants

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Natural disasters and respiratory health

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NATURAL: PM, Sulphur dioxide, VOCs, metals, PAHs, biocontaminants, etc.



A joint ERS/ATS policy statement: what constitutes an adverse health effect of air pollution? An analytical framework

George D. Thurston, Howard Frank J. Kelly, Nina Kuenzel
European Respiratory Journal

Increasing evidence on respiratory effects of air pollution (both exacerbations and development), including for IPF

Annals

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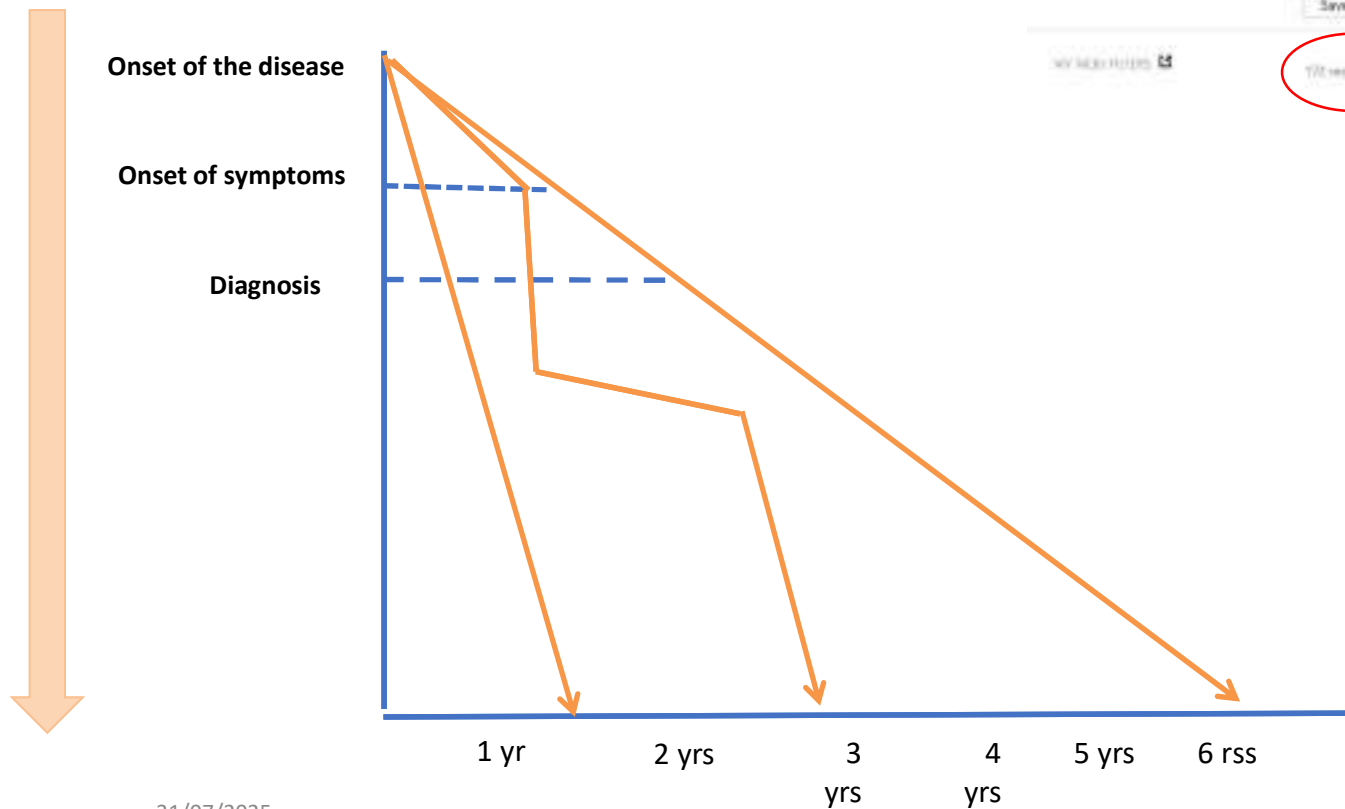
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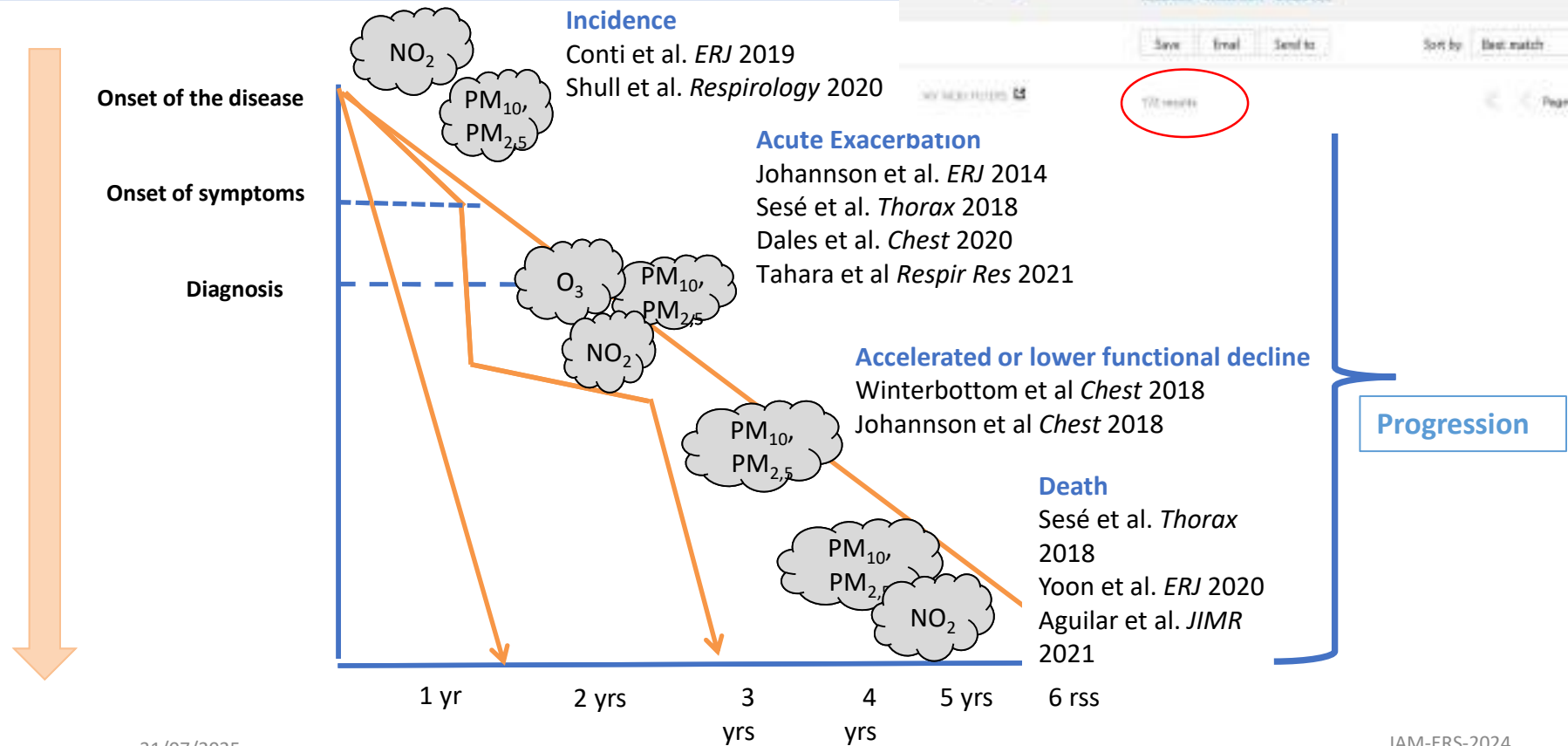
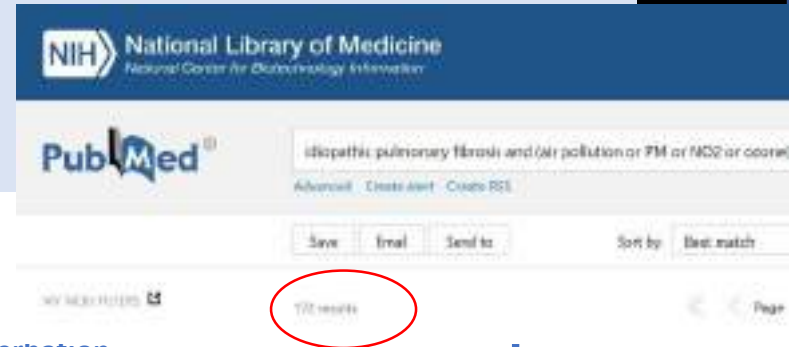


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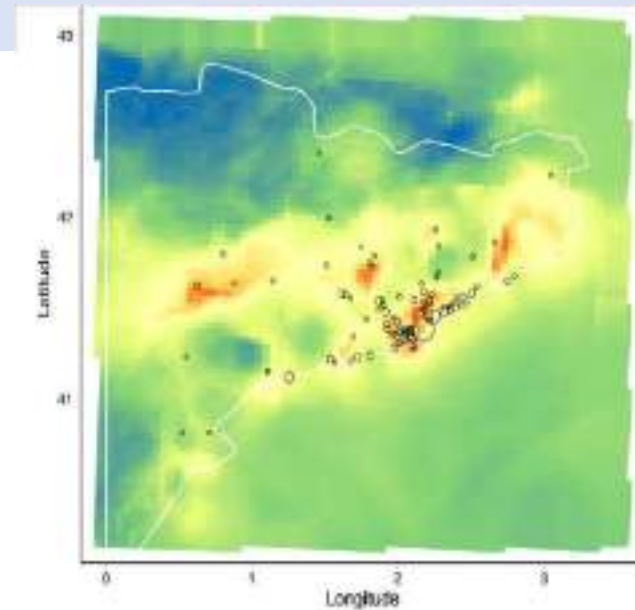


IPF development (incidence?) and air pollution



+ 8% Incidence (10 NO₂ µg/m³)

Conti et al. *ERJ* 2017



PM_{2.5}

From the last 10 yrs using CALIOPE modeling

Regions of notable air pollution juxtaposed with higher prevalence of idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF).

Shull et al. *Respirology* 2020

BRIEF COMMUNICATION

Role of atmospheric pollution on the natural history of idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis

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French Cohort of Fibrosis (COFI)
(n=196)



Short-Term Air pollution exposure and IPF acute exacerbations

Exposition	Augmentation	HR* (Conf Int _{95%})	p-value
O ₃	10 µg/m ³	1,26 (1,01 – 1,58)	0,045*
NO ₂	10 µg/m ³	0,92 (0,73 – 1,18)	0,509
PM ₁₀	10 µg/m ³	0,78 (0,53 – 1,14)	0,197
PM _{2,5}	10 µg/m ³	1,04 (0,58 – 1,87)	0,902

6-week exposure



*HR=Hazard ratio

Long-Term Air pollution exposure and IPF mortality

Exposure	Increase	HR* (Conf Int _{95%})	p-value
O ₃	10 µg/m ³	0,89 (0,66 -1,18)	0,43
NO ₂	10 µg/m ³	1,01(0,79 – 1,29)	0,90
PM ₁₀	10 µg/m ³	2,01 (1,07 – 3,77)	0,03
PM _{2,5}	10 µg/m ³	7,93 (2,93 – 21,33)	<0,001

2005 WHO AQS: 100% of patients PM_{2,5}

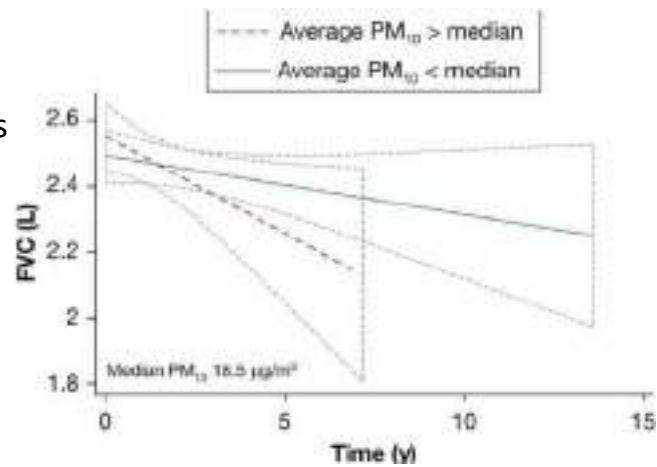
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IPF functional decline and air pollution

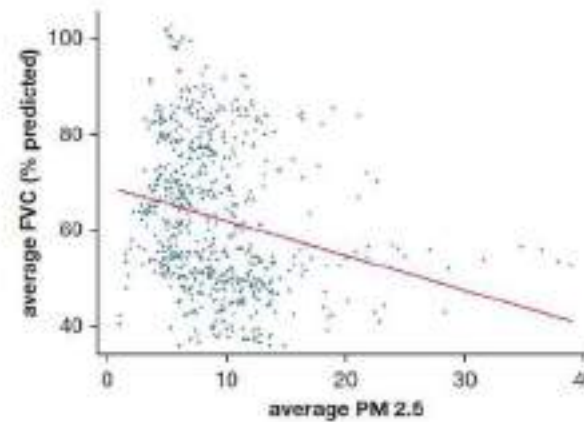
238 patients



-46 cc/yr of FVC ($p = 0,008$) per $5 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ of PM_{10}

Winterbottom C et al. *Chest* 2018

25 patients



Air Pollution Exposure Is Associated With Lower Lung Function, but Not Changes in Lung Function

Johansson K. et al *Chest* 2018

Association of Particulate Matter Exposure With Lung Function and Mortality Among Patients With Fibrotic Interstitial Lung Disease

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6,683 IPF patients
In Canadian and
USA registers

Pollutant	Simmons cohort (n = 1424)		PFF cohort (n = 1870)		CARE-PF cohort (n = 3389)		Combined cohorts meta-analysis (n = 6683)	
	HR (95% CI)	P value	HR (95% CI)	P value	HR (95% CI)	P value	HR (95% CI)	P value
PM _{2.5}	1.05 (1.01-1.09)	.02 ^a	1.02 (0.98-1.06)	.38	0.98 (0.96-1.01)	.16	1.09 (1.05-1.14)	<.001 ^b
SO ₄ ²⁻	1.21 (1.09-1.35)	<.001 ^b	1.27 (1.08-1.50)	.005 ^b	0.33 (0.26-0.43)	<.001 ^b	2.11 (1.81-2.47)	<.001 ^b
NO _x	0.77 (0.63-0.94)	.01 ^a	0.94 (0.81-1.09)	.42	0.81 (0.66-1.00)	.048 ^b	0.99 (0.79-1.24)	.94
NH ₄ ⁺	1.05 (0.84-1.32)	.66	1.32 (0.98-1.79)	.07	0.09 (0.06-0.15)	<.001 ^b	5.53 (1.21-25.34)	.03 ^b
BC	3.09 (2.28-4.20)	<.001 ^b	1.09 (0.81-1.47)	.57	1.00 (0.81-1.24)	.97	1.96 (1.56-2.47)	<.001 ^b
OM	1.28 (1.18-1.39)	<.001 ^b	1.03 (0.97-1.10)	.33	0.96 (0.93-0.99)	.02 ^b	0.98 (0.92-1.06)	.66
SS	4.53 (3.05-6.72)	<.001 ^b	1.03 (0.82-1.30)	.80	1.24 (0.78-1.97)	.37	1.00 (0.57-1.75)	.99
Soil	0.90 (0.60-1.36)	.62	0.95 (0.71-1.27)	.74	0.92 (0.70-1.22)	.56	1.21 (0.94-1.55)	.14
MC	1.19 (1.03-1.38)	.02 ^a	0.88 (0.77-1.01)	.08	0.76 (0.70-0.84)	<.001 ^b	1.01 (0.94-1.09)	.76

- PM_{2.5} associated with worse lung function and mortality or transplant among some but not all patients with ILD.
- Sulfate, ammonium, and black carbon associated with the most potential risk

Abbreviations: BC, black carbon; CARE-PF, Canadian Registry for Pulmonary Fibrosis; HR, hazard ratio; MC, multiconstituent; NH₄⁺, ammonium; NO_x, nitrate; OM, organic matter; PFF, Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation; PM_{2.5}, particulate matter 2.5 μm or less in diameter; Simmons, Simmons Center for Interstitial Lung Disease Registry; SO₄²⁻, sulfate; SS, sea salt.

^a Death and transplant were considered composite outcomes. Mortality or transplant effect size estimates for 5-year time-varying exposures to PM_{2.5} calculated for each patient from enrollment to censoring. Results of complete models adjusting for enrollment year, age at enrollment, sex, race, smoking

history, neighborhood disadvantage score, and site (in PFF and CARE-PF cohorts, which both comprised multiple sites) are included. One-stage meta-analysis also includes clustering by cohort and a disadvantage variable that was normalized across the 3 cohorts. Hazard ratios are reported per 1-μg/m³ increase in PM_{2.5} or constituents, except for MC models, where HRs reflect effect estimates per 1-quantile increase in the PM_{2.5} mixture of all constituents.

^b Significant associations.





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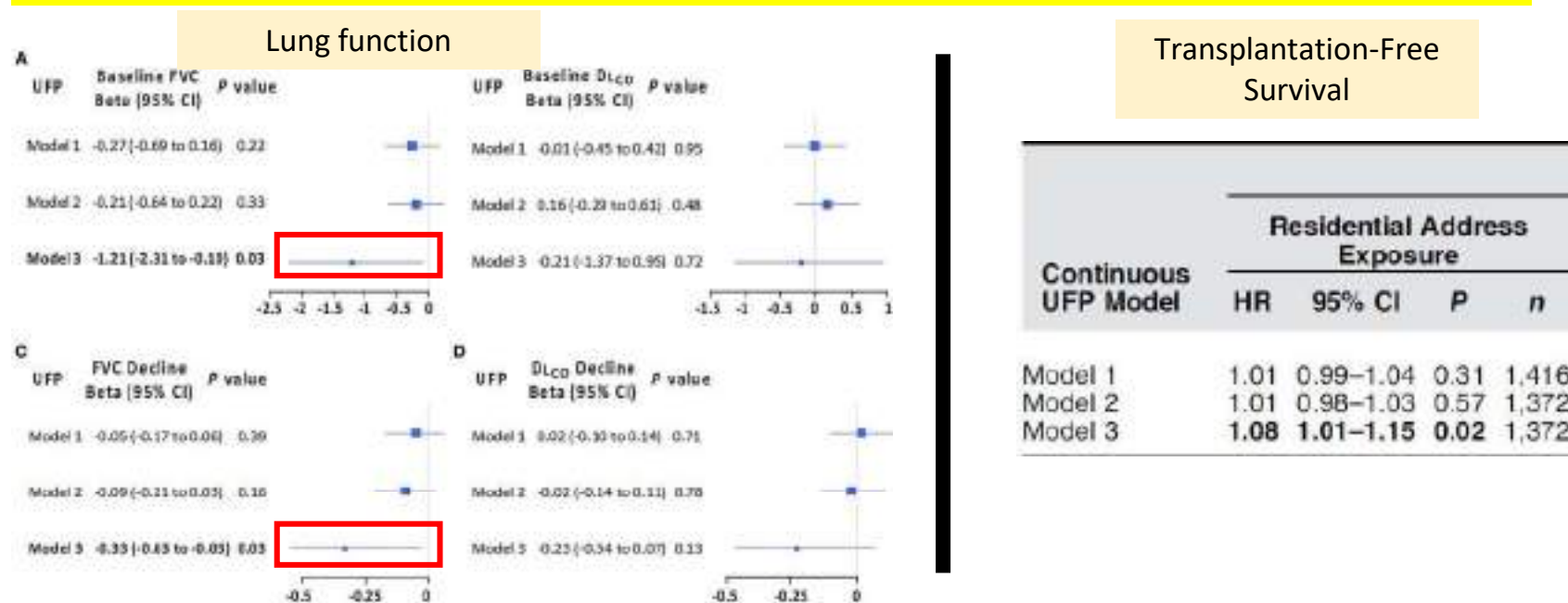
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UltraFineParticles and IPF

Ambient Ultrafine Particulate Matter and Clinical Outcomes in Fibrotic Interstitial Lung Disease

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Increased UFP exposure associated with baseline FVC and transplantation-free survival



Associations of each 1,000 particles/cm³ increase in UFP matter exposure using the residential address linkage approach. Mmodel 1 (unadjusted), model 2 (adjusted for sex, age at enrollment, race, smoking history, and a socioeconomic covariate), and model 3 (model 2 with additional adjustment for continuous exposures to PM_{2.5} μm and NO₂ by the same model)



Air pollution, genetic susceptibility and IPF

- 3-fold risk of developing IPF in individuals with high genetic susceptibility to IPF (including *MUC5B* promoter polymorphism) and living in areas of heavy air pollution compared with those with low genetic susceptibility and low air pollution exposure (Cui, ERJ 2022)
- No increased level of risk in relation to PM_{2.5} on survival according to *MUC5B* genotype

Strasys 1 Session 367 15:45 - 17:00
Oral presentation: Breaking news in interstitial lung disease of known origin
Disease(s) : Interstitial lung disease
Method(s) : General respiratory patient care Imaging Cell and molecular biology Epidemiology
Tag(s) : Clinical
Chairs : Elisabetta Renzoni (London, United Kingdom), Paolo Carneli (Siena (SI), Italy)

Late Breaking Abstract - Interaction of High Air Pollution Exposure and *MUC5B* rs35705950 on Interstitial Lung Disease Risk in Rheumatoid Arthritis Patients
OAA5782 Lucile Sese (Paris, France), Isabella Annesi-Maesano, Pierre Antoine Juge, Sophie Mayer, Johanna Sigaux, Bruno Crestani, Lucas Semeraro, Boris Dessimond, Raphaël Bone, Marie-Pierre Debray, Bernard Combe, Pierre-Yves Berlet, Yurdagul Uzunhan, Philippe Dieudé, Hilario Nunes

Pathogenesis of IPF

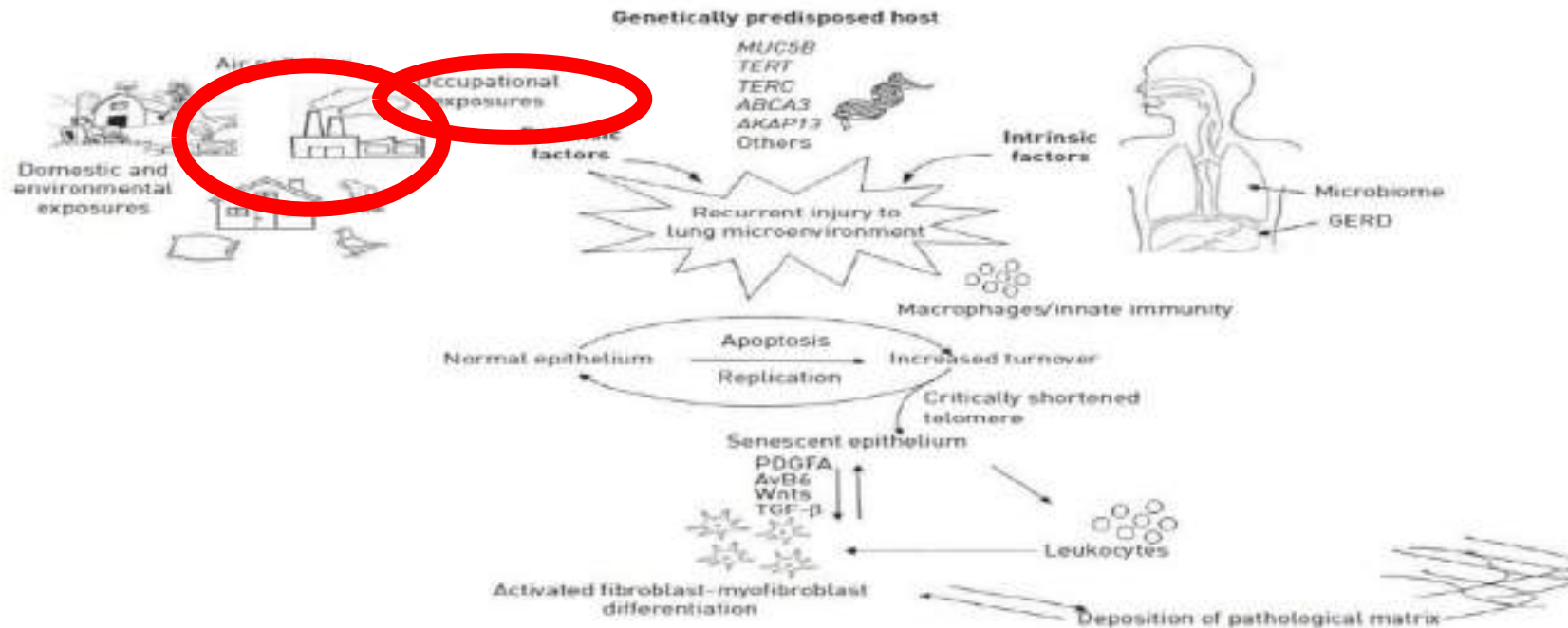
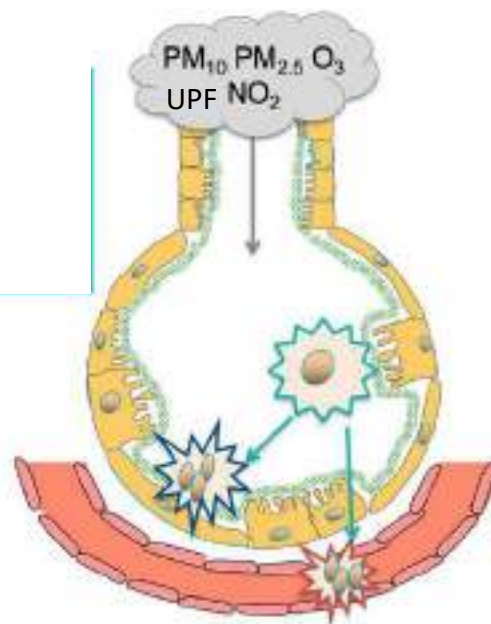


FIGURE 1 Proposed model for the pathogenesis of idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis. Extrinsic and intrinsic environmental exposures to the lung microenvironment cause recurrent airway injury. In the genetically predisposed host (mutations in mucin 5B [*MUC5B*], telomerase reverse transcriptase [*TERT*], telomerase RNA component [*TERC*], ATP binding cassette sub-family A3 [*ABCA3*], A-kinase anchor protein 13 [*AKAP13*], etc.), this cycle of increased epithelial turnover eventually leads to reprogramming to senescent epithelium. Fibroblasts are activated via pro-fibrotic mediators (platelet-derived growth factor subunit A [*PDGFA*], activating integrin B6 [*αvβ6*], Wnts, transforming growth factor-β [*TGF-β*]) that are released directly from abnormal epithelium; the activated innate immune system and leukocytes. Once activated, fibroblasts deposit pathological matrix, which leads to myofibroblast differentiation and progressive fibrosis. GERD: gastro-oesophageal reflux disease. Reproduced from [4] with permission.

• Sack C, Raghu G. Idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis: unmasking cryptogenic environmental factors. *Eur Respir J*. 2019 Feb 21;53(2):1801699. doi: 10.1183/13993003.01699-2018. PMID: 30487201.

Air Pollution mechanisms in IPF

Genetic
susceptibility



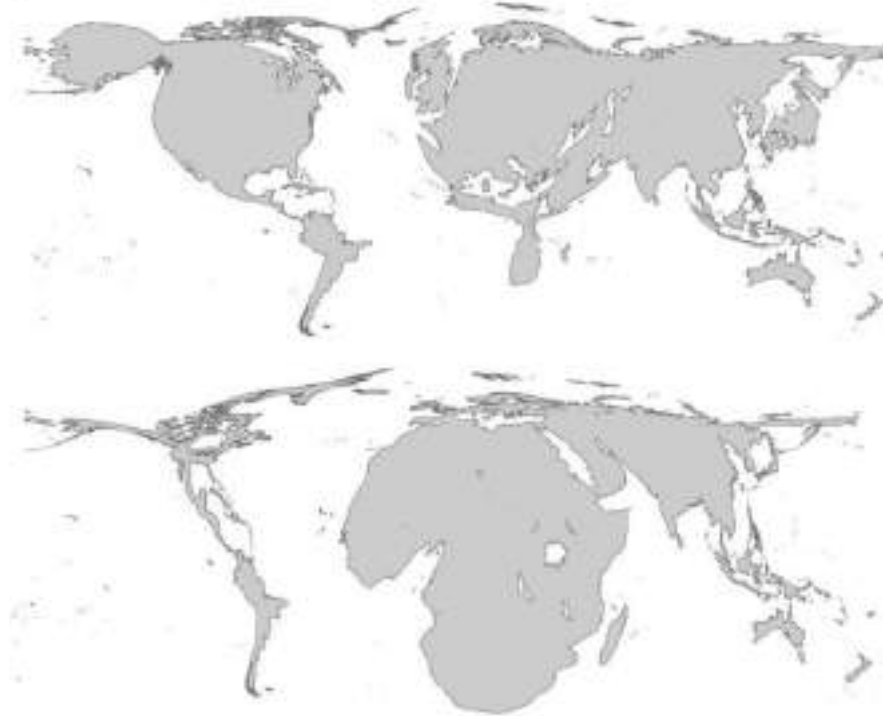
Johansson et al. *Chest* 2015



SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL INEQUITIES

HEALTH IMPACTS ARE UNFAIRLY DISTRIBUTED

Sharp increase in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions began with the **Industrial Revolution** in the late 18th and early 19th centuries.



Cumulative emissions of greenhouse gases

WHO estimates of *per capita* mortality from climate change

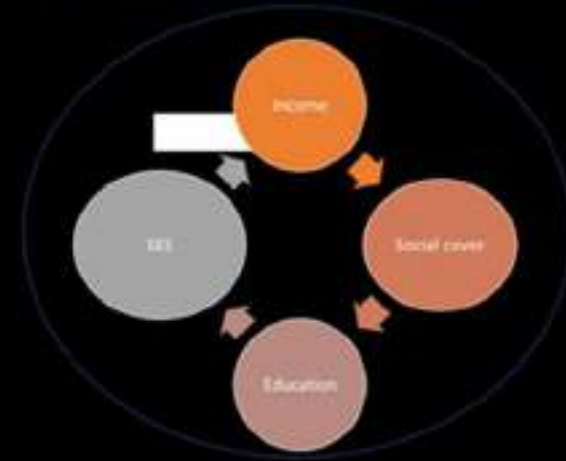
Map projections from Patz et al, 2007; WHO, 2009.

How does climate change affect health?

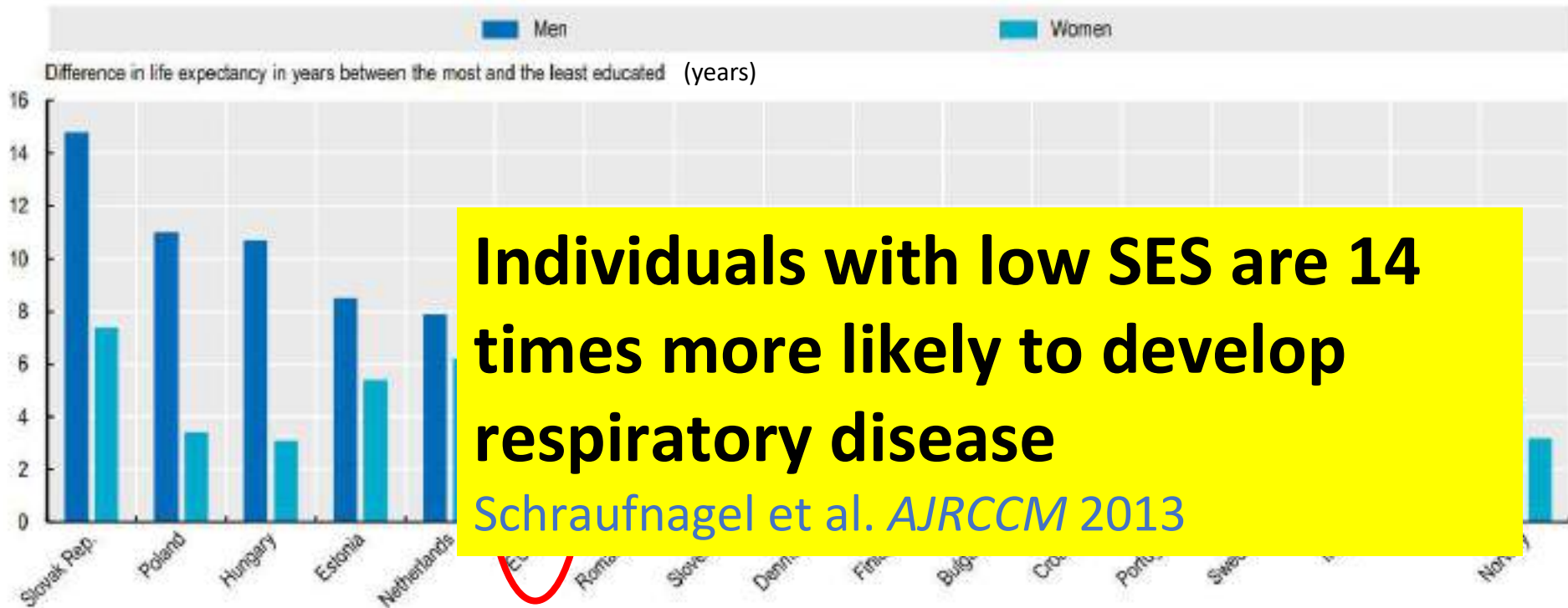
→ Environmental injustice!

IPF AND POVERTY

Socioeconomic factors



Gap in life expectancy between people with the highest and lowest level of education in EU 2017, by gender



Individuals with low SES are 14 times more likely to develop respiratory disease

Schraufnagel et al. *AJRCCM* 2013

StatLink <https://stat.link/79k483>

SES and IPF outcomes

IPF Patients with low income have reduced health care cover and less transplantation but a similar mortality.

□ Few studies

Table 2 Adjusted odds of four outcomes in IPF patients (ICD9 516.3 or 515)^a

	Lung Transplant		Death		Rehabilitation Transfer		VATS Biopsy	
	Odds Ratio (95% CI)	P-Value	Odds Ratio (95% CI)	P-Value	Odds Ratio (95% CI)	P-Value	Odds Ratio (95% CI)	P-Value
Insurance								
Non-medicaid	Reference		Reference		Reference		Reference	
Medicaid	0.30 (0.16, 0.57)	<0.001	1.00 (0.89, 1.12)	0.95	0.53 (0.33, 0.85)	0.01	0.46 (0.35, 0.60)	<0.001
Uninsured	0.22 (0.07, 0.72)	0.01	1.12 (0.92, 1.35)	0.26	0.41 (0.18, 0.93)	0.03	0.52 (0.35, 0.77)	<0.01
ZIP Income Quartile								
Quartile 1	0.46 (0.32, 0.66)	<0.001	0.93 (0.87, 1.00)	0.04	1.16 (0.92, 1.45)	0.21	1.01 (0.81, 1.25)	0.96
Quartile 2	0.56 (0.43, 0.73)	<0.001	0.91 (0.85, 0.97)	<0.01	1.00 (0.80, 1.24)	0.97	1.09 (0.90, 1.33)	0.38
Quartile 3	0.71 (0.57, 0.89)	<0.01	0.96 (0.90, 1.02)	0.19	1.11 (0.90, 1.36)	0.33	0.98 (0.81, 1.18)	0.81
Quartile 4 (Highest)	Reference		Reference		Reference		Reference	

Gaffney et al. *BMC Health Services Research* 2018

SES and IPF outcomes

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Neighborhood-level Disadvantage Impacts on Patients with Fibrotic Interstitial Lung Disease

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4729 patients with fibrosing ILD in Canadian and USA registries with identified deprivation index

- ❑ Greater disadvantage associated with reduced baseline DL_{CO}
- ❑ In USA only: fILD with the greatest disadvantage (top quartile) experience the highest risk of mortality (HR =1.51, p=0.002)
 - ❑ IPF : disadvantaged related to less transplantation (OR =0.46, p=0.04)

SES Deprivation and telomere length



5 106 IPF patients

- Precariousness inversely correlated with telomere length
 - Precariousness can contribute to telomere length (stress, unhealthy lifestyles, etc.)

IPF, AIR POLLUTION AND POVERTY

Air pollution and SES

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AIR POLLUTION AND HEALTH (JD KAUFMAN AND SD ADAR, SECTION EDITORS)


Socioeconomic Disparities and Air Pollution Exposure: a Global Review

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- Socially disadvantaged groups are likely to live in areas with higher levels of air pollution.
- Precariousness can potentiate the deleterious effect of exposure

Original research

Relative environmental and social disadvantage in patients with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis

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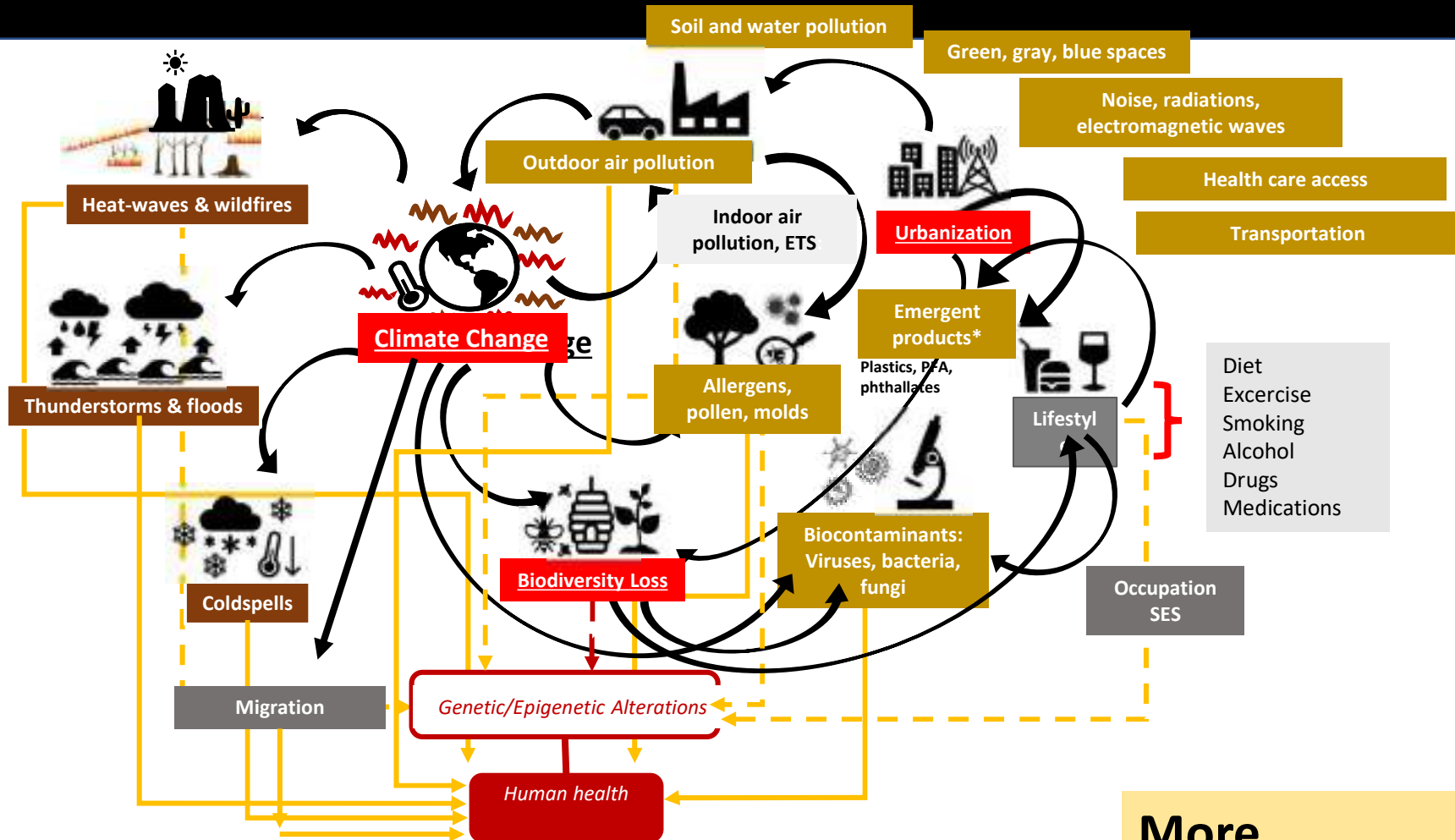
CalEnviroScreen 3.0 (CES) quantifying environmental burden combining population, environmental and pollution vulnerability

In IPF patients:

- Higher environmental exposures and vulnerability (CES) associated with:
 - lower baseline lung function and lower antifibrotic use
 - mortality (but not in sensitivity analyses)

**IPF, AIR POLLUTION, POVERTY, AND
MUCH MORE**

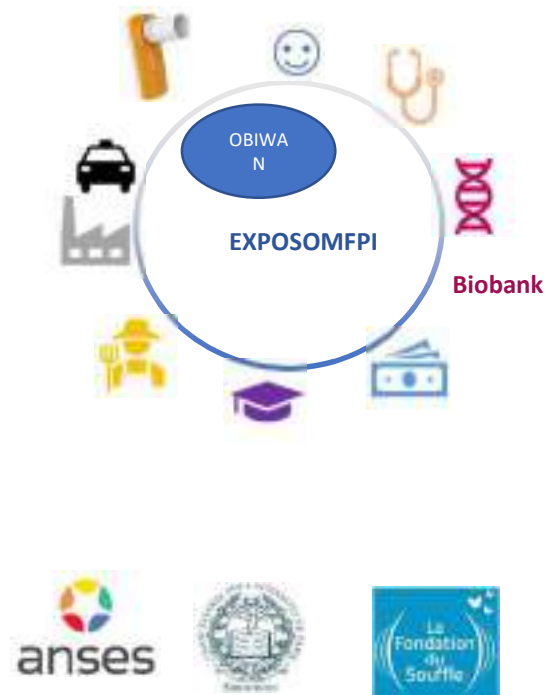
Approaching the exposome to better understand fILD



ETS: Environmental Tobacco Smoking; *: plastic, PFAS, etc.

**More
susceptible/
vulnerable
individuals**

EXPOSOMFPI



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Cohorte nationale multicentrique
FPI : n = 200 (avril 2021)
Suivi prospectif 2 ans

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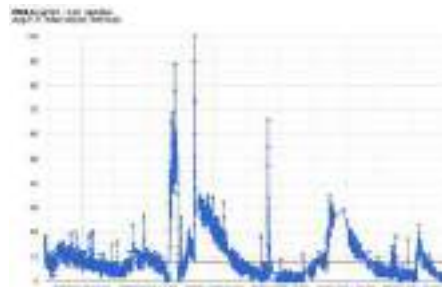
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OBIWAN-FPI: OBjects In Wide Area Network for IPF

Etude de l'impact de la pollution individuelle (intérieure et extérieure)
sur l'évolution de la fonction respiratoire dans la FPI



Objets connectés



Investigateur Principal : Dr Sesé

- Etude pilote monocentrique
- FPI : n = 30
- Suivi prospectif : 1 an

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Association de patients : **APEFPI**



Established and postulated impacts of climate change in patients with interstitial lung disease (ILD)

- Very likely through air pollution, temperature and social factors
- Paper submitted to Lancet Respiratory Medicine

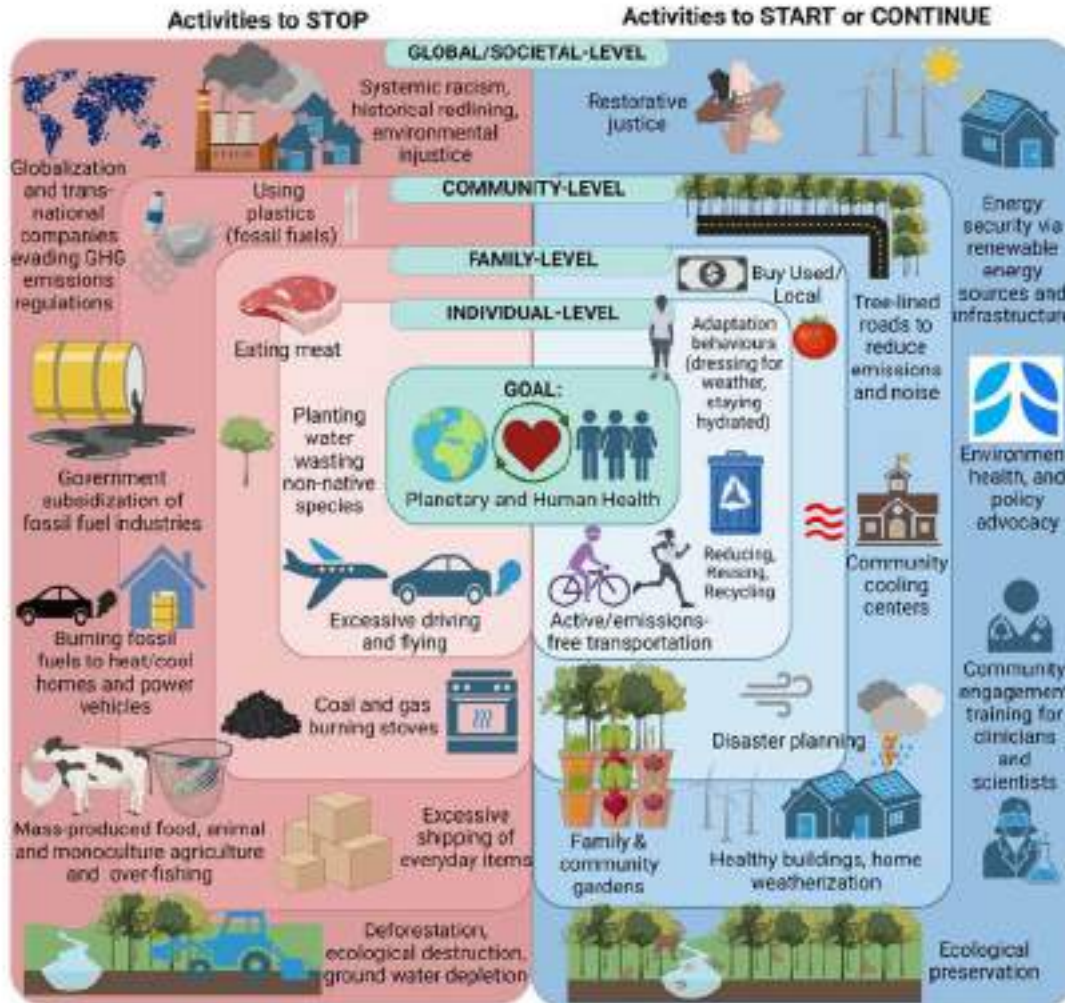
Implications for ipf Patient Care

Understanding the link between IPF and the exposome is crucial for developing effective treatment and prevention strategies. Efforts should focus on:

- **Early detection and intervention:** Implementing screening programs in underserved communities.
- **Improving access to care:** Expanding healthcare coverage and reducing financial barriers to treatment.
- **Addressing environmental factors:** Promoting policies to reduce air pollution and occupational hazards in low-income communities.
- **Addressing environmental injustices**
- **Patient support programs:** Providing financial assistance and support services for patients with IPF.

CLIMATE CHANGE INCREASES THE BURDEN

Activities to Stop (left, red background) and Activities to Start (right, blue background) to Address EJ in the Climate Change era



AMERICAN THORACIC SOCIETY DOCUMENTS

Climate Change and Respiratory Health: Opportunities to Contribute to Environmental Justice
An Official American Thoracic Society Workshop Report

David P. Cook, Hellek A. Grogman, Adam Katz, Tara H. Kung'uani, Chandra L. Jackson, Heather Bennett, John Ballou, Michelle Housheer, Gary Grant, Mark R. Fitz, Todd Bernhardt, Juan C. Collado, Jonathan M. Hill, Gage H. Hill, Susan Anshutz, Jesse Myrden-Lizarski, Priscilla Kurland, Gloria C. Ibarra, Meghan E. Peltz, Geoff Wilcox, Isabella Ansel-Katzen, Karyn Saksir-Green, Kivie Carter, Boris Joffe, Jiah H. Han, Lisa K. Kim, Pooja Li, Jovita Stanculescu, Alexander S. Lee, Louis M. Passol, Kerri K. Pinkston, Aracelis Tabares, Eddie Pitt, George Thuniger, and Neema Thuniger, on behalf of the American Thoracic Society Academy on Environmental, Occupational, and Population Health and the American Thoracic Society Committee on Environmental Health Policy.

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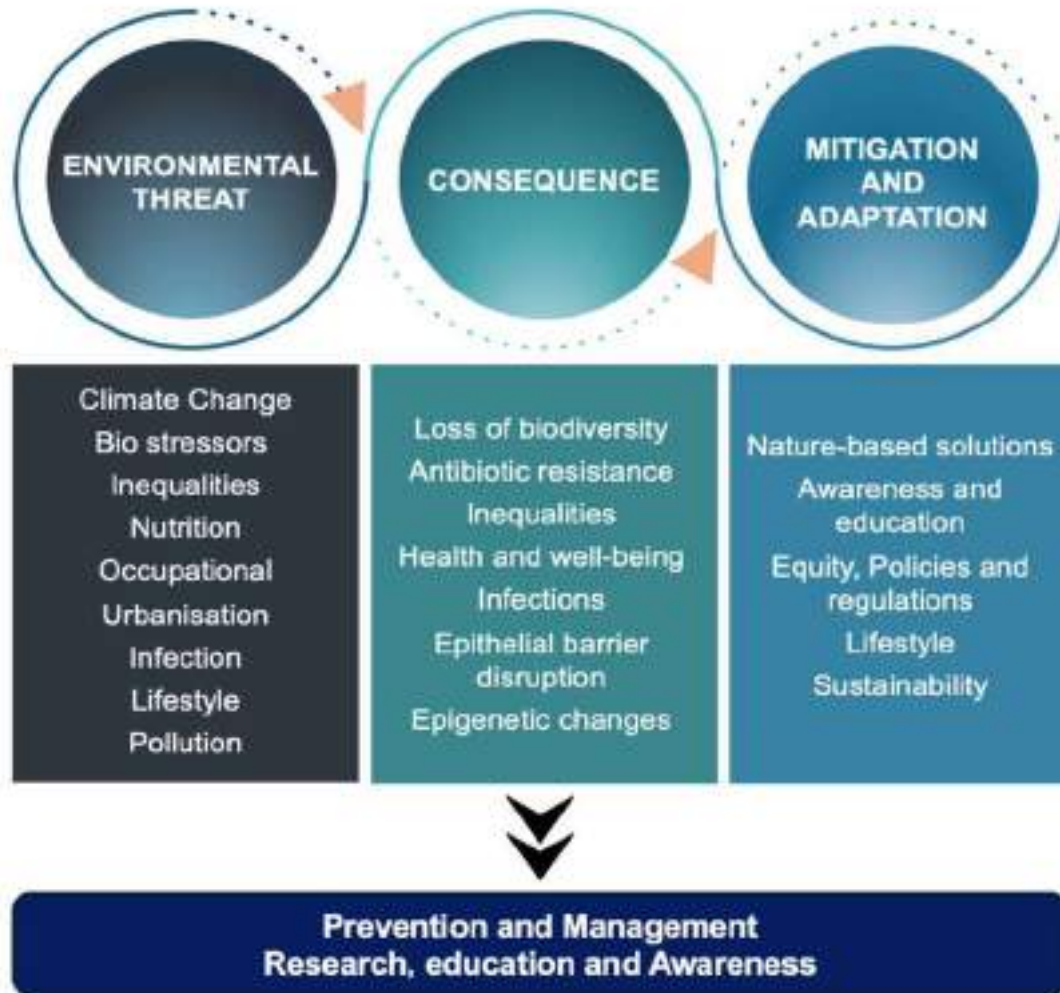
Vulnerable individuals are more exposed to environmental hazards

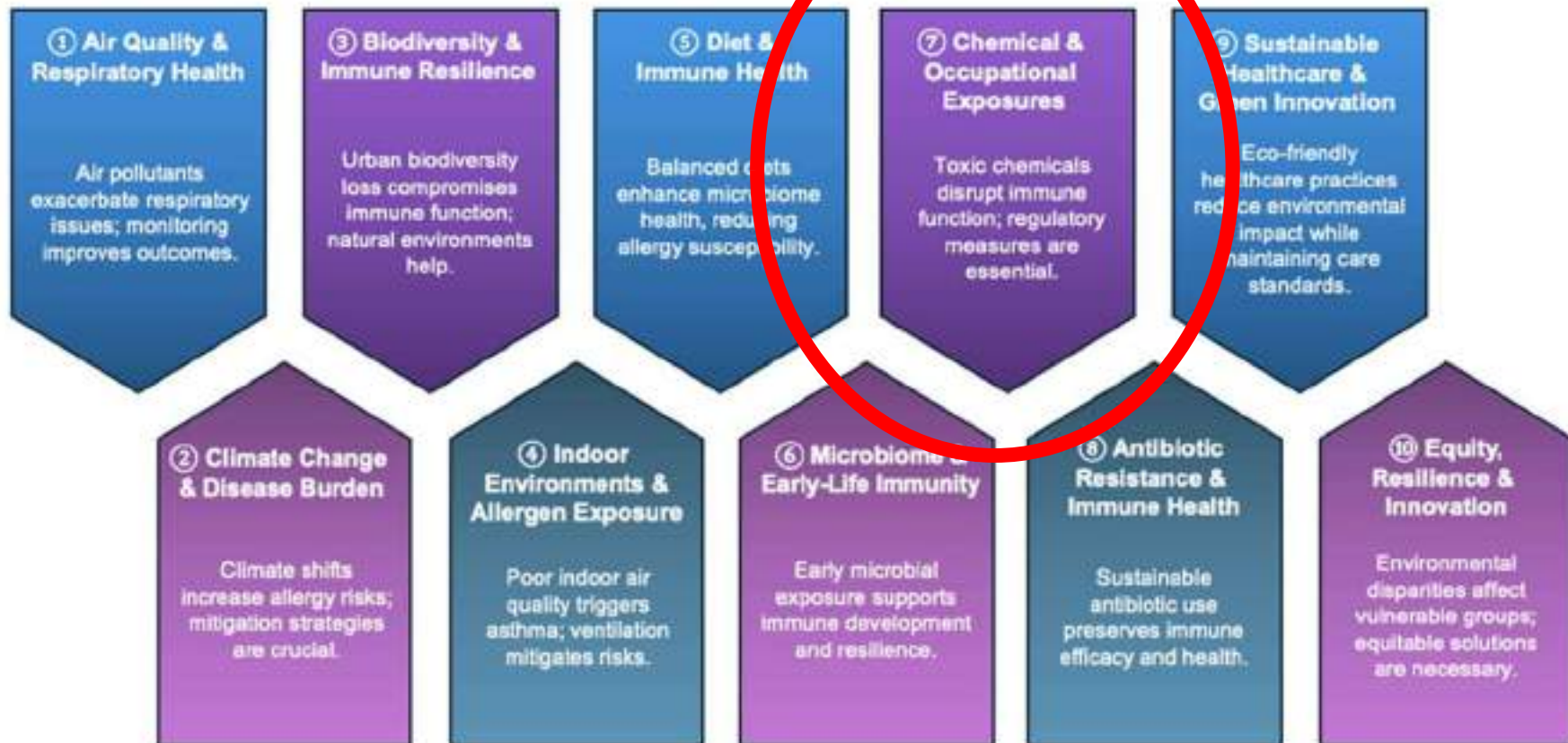
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Take home messages

- Rising temperatures, air pollution, extreme weather events, and shifting disease patterns can increase respiratory diseases, heat stress, and occupational hazards, disproportionately affecting vulnerable populations.
- Understanding climate-driven health risks in communities and workplaces is crucial for protecting public health, ensuring worker safety, and developing effective adaptation strategies.
- Proactive measures, including policy interventions, workplace adaptations, and community resilience planning, are essential to mitigate these risks and safeguard long-term health and productivity.





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